

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight.

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, Ray Burg, Louise Cohen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Dorothy Spruill, Jack Washington, John F. Washington Jr. Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, and Dr. Tom Wieckowski. Staff present was: Brian Hinson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation. Guests present were: Brian Rosenstein and Ken Rosenstein (see attached attendance list).

**1. Call to Order** – Chairman Jack Washington called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes** – Mr. Washington asked for a motion to accept the October 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Mrs. Spruill asked for a correction under Announcements, regarding the Holiday Party. Mrs. Spruill asked the question; “Should there be a Holiday Party”? Mr. Harrower made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Dr. Wieckowski and unanimously approved.

**3. Review of Financial Report** - Dr. Wieckowski reported there was no change in the financial report and that the status of the report is the same as last month. He also stated nothing has improved regarding the finances. Mr. Washington stated that the Historical Commission did bring in \$120.00 during the month of October. He also said that there was not enough money to cover expenses. Mr. Washington reported custodial expenses alone cost \$156.00 along with the telephone at the cost of \$65.00, which totals \$221.00 a month. Mr. Washington stated that there is a great need for a fundraiser.

**4. Committee Reports**

A. Education Committee Ms. Cohen had nothing to report this month, except she spoke about the upcoming February program highlighting the book written by Mr. Harrower and Dr. Wieckowski called “A Spectacle for Men and Angels” which will be used as part of the

presentation. Mr. Washington commended Ms. Cohen for a successful program at Old York Road on Wednesday (previous night).

B. Preservation Committee Report Mr. Harrower stated that there was no report. Mr. Washington stated that he was informed by Mr. Hinson through Mr. Havir that December 1, 2013 is the deadline for any more PHMC Historical markers. Mr. Hinson is holding in his office a number of applications for markers that have been rejected for not meeting guideline requirements. Mr. Havir is questioning if the Committee would like to resubmit or submit new applications for any other properties for the historical markers. Mr. Washington said that the Committee can apply for Glenside Memorial Hall, The Art Center a/k/a the George K. Heller School and other properties next year. Mr. Washington requested that the Preservation Committee meet with Mr. Hinson regarding markers that have been rejected and discuss all other properties that applications have never been submitted.

C. Museum Committee Report Ms. Spruill has the Christmas tree and other holiday items out. Ms. Werkman requested that volunteers come out to work on Sundays. She circulated a list for volunteers to sign up to work on Sundays. She also questioned if the Wall House should be open on Thanksgiving weekend. The students who usually volunteer will not be available to work Thanksgiving weekend. Ms. Cohen made a motion for the Wall House to be closed during Thanksgiving weekend. It was unanimously approved.

5. *Chairman's Report* – (see attached) Mr. Washington wanted to thank Dr. Wieckowski for his work on the production of the newsletter "The Wall Paper" and all those who contributed to the work on the newsletter. Mr. Washington said the next "Wall Paper" will be available in the spring. Mr. Washington said the newsletter "The Wall Paper" will be available at The Wall House and can be distributed to libraries. Dr. Wieckowski will also start e-mailing the newsletter "The Wall Paper". Mrs. Washington stated that permission will have to be given by

the schools to receive the newsletter. Mr. Hinson informed Dr. Wieckowski that he would need to speak with a contact person for the public schools in order to e-mail the newsletter.

Mr. McCann will look for means of appropriate mailing. A lengthy discussion was ensued.

6. **Staff Report** – Mr. Hinson continued discussion on fundraising ideas. Mr. Hinson stated that ideas and decisions must be made before the year 2014 to start planning. Dr. Wieckowski suggested garden tours of the Township. Mr. Hinson suggested that the Commission consider bringing back Market Day again. A decision has to be made by spring to go on next year's calendar for Market Day. Dr. Wieckowski asked if there would be an interest in a garden tour for the spring. Mr. Washington stated there is an interest in a garden tour. Mr. McCann will be looking into appropriate mailing for the Wall House. Mr. John F. Washington Jr. suggested that there be a form that has a perforated tear off added to the Township calendar to publicize getting members and friends for the Wall House. Mr. Hinson said it would have to be approved to add this to the Township calendar. Mrs. Washington suggested house tours of the many historical places in the Township.

7. **Old Business**- Mr. Washington discussed the consideration of a holiday party for the Commission which has always been a tradition in the past. Mr. Washington asked for a show of hands of anyone who would have an interest in planning and contributing to a holiday party. There will be a holiday gathering for the Commission members after the December meeting. Active Commission members are welcome to bring their spouse or adult guest. Mr. Ray Burg suggested that everyone bring a dish or snacks to contribute. Mr. Washington asked if anyone was willing to coordinate the Holiday party. Mrs. Washington will work and coordinate along with Mr. Ray Burg on the food for the holiday party.

8. **New Business** – No new business

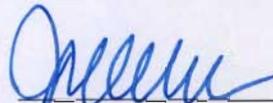
9. **Moment in History**- Mrs. Washington gave a report (see attached).

November 14, 2013 7:30 p.m.  
Carriage House

**10. Announcements** – Mr. McCann showed several historical pictures from Mrs. Mary Mayer of Cheltenham's home that were donated by Ms. Doris Mayer. There were numerous photos to look at from Rowland class of "1926", Glenside Elementary class of "1924" and Elkins Park class of "1932" to name a few. The pictures will be donated to the archives.

Mr. Washington welcomed guests Mr. Brian Rosenstein who was visiting to fulfill a requirement for his Boy Scout Troup #22 and Mr. Ken Rosenstein. Mr. Jack Washington gave out a flyer for a program called "Soldiers Christmas" that will take place Saturday, November 30, 2013 (see attached). Mr. McCann announced a program for November 23, 2013 Boy Scout Troup #22 which is one of the oldest troops, will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary program. Mrs. Dorothy Spruill would like to see the Military Room more organized. She would like several boxes removed. Mr. Washington stated that all boxes have been removed. Mr. McCann thanked Mr. Brian Hinson for having the debris removed that was left after a day of weeding and cleaning around the Wall House.

**11. Adjournment** - There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. McCann and seconded by Mr. Burg and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

  
Bryan T. Haver  
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann

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NOVEMBER  
30TH 2013

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY  
12PM- 6PM

DEC. 7. 1918



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DURING TIMES OF WAR. FOR MORE INFO  
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Chairman's Report      November 14, 2013

There will be no long range planning meeting this month.

Big accomplishment - Tom Wiechowski's production of the WALL Paper!

Staffing on Sundays has been light or non-existent - One Sunday we were closed for lack of a Commission member to cover.

We have been reregistered in the National Museum Directory.

Quarter tours were mildly successful, bringing in some money. Please be sure the money is registered to the right account - tours vs donations. We do not come close to meeting our expenses with donations, tours and museum shop money. We need a giant fundraising event. Friends of the Wall House Money, in my opinion, should not be used for operating expenses.

Two take-aways of interest - the Langsdorff Doll House and the Fire Plug. TAKE aways are important as they help visitors connect with our institution. Make use of these aids - and let us know when the supply is low!

Mr. Fred Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. ...  
 William Halliwell, Miss Sallie Halliwell, Miss  
 Myra Leland, Miss Jennie Clayton, Miss Mary  
 Newport, Miss Mary Kelley, Miss Carrie Bos-  
 ler, Miss Emma White, Miss A. May Cherry,  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Miller, Miss Ida  
 Comly, Miss Mamie Smith, Miss Lena Allen,  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Van Horn, Miss Helen  
 Hunter, Mr. W. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
 Fetterich, New York; Mr. and Mrs. T. P.  
 Baker, New York; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Baker,  
 New York; Mr. and Mrs. George Fraley, Mrs.  
 Thomas Fraley, Mrs. A. Wenzell, Mr. and  
 Mrs. John Kainer, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hart Fetter,  
 Mr. and Mrs. K. Pierson, Chicago; Mr. and  
 Mrs. John Martin, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs.  
 Trumbauer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beck, Mr. and  
 Mrs. Eckstine, Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Elkin-  
 ton, Miss Helen Elkinton, Misses Bertha and  
 Frances Deim, Mr. W. B. Cook, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Harrison Kelps, Miss Clara Trumbauer, Mr.  
 Horace Trumbauer, Miss Bessie Nice, Mr. and  
 Mrs. William L. Fretz, Mr. Moore Stevens,  
 Misses Glenworth, Mr. John Comfort, Mr.  
 and Mrs. T. K. Dance, Misses Dance, Mrs. C. L.  
 Boileau, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Cross, Miss Frances  
 Boileau, Miss Gwendoline Nathans, Miss Nel-  
 lie Saxton, Miss Stafford, Miss Irene Neal, Miss  
 Annie Lyons, Miss May Hoslet, Miss Bessie  
 Taggart, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mr.  
 and Mrs. M. W. Myers, Miss L. A. Riley, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Edward Thompson, Mr. and Mrs.  
 James Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hoffman,  
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Walton, Mr. John  
 Crawford, Jr., Mrs. R. D. Harper, Mr. C. Divine,  
 Mr. Fred Hakestraw, Dr. and Mrs. Nades-  
 worth, Mr. H. J. Andrews, Mrs. Edmund  
 Snyder, Mr. John Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Runyon Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
 Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall,  
 Miss Carrie Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Edst-  
 burn, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dixon, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Edwin Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Harmond Baker,  
 Miss Notie Shaw, Miss Bella Herkness, Mr.  
 and Mrs. F. Wayland Ayer, Mr. Rodman  
 Newport, Mr. Davis L. Lewis.

Mrs. Avey will have some especially  
 cheap hats this week.

Thomas Donohue expects to start a  
 kindling wood factory.

The Presbyterians will give a turkey  
 supper on December 12.

Michael Fitzgerald has sold his milk  
 route to Michael Plunkett.

Mrs. E. F. Cottman returned from a  
 trip to Old Point Comfort.

The window of Thomas O. Coltman's  
 drug store presents a novel appearance.

A meeting was held Friday night to  
 establish a branch of the Order of Forest-  
 ers.

The Independent Fire Company gave a  
 ball in Masonic hall on Wednesday even-  
 ing.

Miss Carrie Spaeter, of Philadelphia,  
 visited Miss Eva Wack on Tuesday after-  
 noon.

Alexander Thompson is building a  
 house on North avenue, Beechwood  
 Heights.

Edward D. Gross and wife entertained  
 friends from West Philadelphia on Thanks-  
 giving day.

The work of grading the grounds about  
 the Wyncote pumping station was started  
 on Monday.

The public schools gave an entertain-  
 ment for the benefit of the scholars on  
 Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Snyder and Hacker, of Jefferson  
 Medical College spent Thanksgiving day

### CHELTHENHAM'S OLDEST SCHOOL

The 100th anniversary of the founding  
 of the first public school in Oheltenham,  
 and it is believed the first public school in  
 Montgomery County, was commemorated  
 with appropriate exercises in the George  
 K. Heller School House, on Oheltenham  
 avenue, Saturday afternoon. The vil-  
 lagers crowded the largest room in the  
 school. Thomas Williams, president of  
 the District School Board, and grandson  
 of Anthony Williams, the father of the  
 public school in this place, presided.

In 1748 a school was built near the  
 county line for the combined townships  
 of Bristol, Oheltenham, Germantown and  
 Springfield. Anthony Williams in 1798  
 built a school for Oheltenham, which was  
 named after him, and at his death he be-  
 queathed £250 for the maintenance of the  
 school, which sum is held in trust.  
 Subsequently the school house site, nearly  
 three-fourths of an acre in extent, was  
 purchased for 5 shillings, \$1 20. Prior to  
 1842 this was the only school house in  
 Oheltenham Township, and it was known as  
 the Milltown School. Rev. Samuel B.  
 Wylie was the first schoolmaster of whom  
 there is record. He came to Philadelphia  
 from Ireland about the time of the erec-  
 tion of the school. In 1808 he became  
 pastor of the church now known as the  
 Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, in  
 Philadelphia, of which his son, Rev. Dr.  
 T. W. Wylie, is the present pastor. For  
 many years the Baptists and Sweden-  
 borgians alternately held religious services  
 in the school house. The old school was  
 taken down in 1883 and the front portion  
 of the present handsome school buildings  
 were erected. In 1893 two additional  
 rooms were added. There are 150 pupils  
 in the school.

Among those who took part in the  
 commemoration exercises were Rev.  
 Maris Graves, County Superintendent R.  
 F. Hoffacker, Mrs. Plummer, who taught  
 in 1865; William J. Audenreid, a former  
 school director; B. Rowland Myers, a  
 former school director; Henry Houck,  
 Deputy State Superintendent of Instruc-  
 tion, and Miss Carrie V. Speck. The  
 school children sang patriotic hymns.

Quarterly meeting at Middletown meet-  
 ing house on Fifth day last was largely  
 attended, every seat being occupied and  
 many standing. There were many speak-  
 ers, Isaac Wilson, probably being the  
 most notable. Visiting Friends were as  
 usual hospitably entertained.

Charles Williams, of Buckingham, has  
 an apple orchard of 85 acres from which  
 he has just picked over 8000 bushels of  
 fruit. In addition to this he had 1200  
 bushels made into cider, and hundreds of  
 bushels are said to have fallen from the  
 trees and rotted on the ground.

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MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Historical Commission Regular Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Carriage House

One Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

(Please Print Clearly)

Print Name	Mailing Address (only if different)	Telephone Number (only if different)	E-mail Address (only if different)
John F. Washington Jr			
David Harlowe			
RAYBUZZA			
D. Spruill			
Wickman			
Lois Herish			
Loane Cohen			
Balwyn Bastille			
Tom Wiercowski			
Jim McLann Jr			
Brian Rosestein			

Kon Rosenster

Mary Washington