

# Hasbrouck Family Association Inc.

## Annual Meeting

October 8, 2011

Deyo Hall, New Paltz, New York

1. The President called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.
2. The Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) officers present were introduced: Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr., President; Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President; John O. Delamater, Vice President; Robert H. Freehill, Vice President; William G. Hasbrouck, Treasurer, and Meryl S. Brown, Secretary
3. The attendees introduced themselves. (Total member attendance at the reunion was 25.)
4. Reading of the minutes from October 9, 2010 was waived.
5. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.
6. **Voting results (including proxies) for election of directors were as follows:**

<b>Slate of Directors:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.	77	2
Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.	72	2
John O. Delamater	58	7
Robert H. Freehill	54	7
William G. Hasbrouck	77	2

### **Slate of directors elected.**

7. The President appointed the following officers:

Meryl S. Brown	Corporate Secretary
Thad M. Hasbrouck	Assistant Treasurer
8. The President reported on events of the past year as well as current and planned activities:

HFA's efforts in the past year have focused on the Abraham Hasbrouck House. A "permanent" strengthening of the roof rafters was completed in February, replacing the temporary fix installed in 2003 when dangerous cracks were discovered in several rafters. HFA and HHS jointly agreed on an interpretation plan with the theme of "The Role of Women in 18th Century New Paltz", based on the period 1760-75, when the household was headed by Tryntje Deyo, the widow of Daniel Hasbrouck, who built the house in three stages between 1721 and 1734. Work is well under way to make the house look as much as feasible like it did in the chosen interpretation period. The stone floor in the kitchen was removed to be replaced by a wooden one and an archaeological dig conducted in the uncovered area. The center room floor is being lowered to its original level, and a partition will be added in the center and north rooms. A furnishings plan has been adopted, and work is progressing on choosing/obtaining the furnishings to be used. The target date for reopening the house is June 2012, which admittedly is a stretch objective.

The completed restoration work at the Jean Hasbrouck House continues to draw praise from impressed visitors. Meanwhile, replacement of the deteriorated roof grows more urgent. It will require a major fundraising effort by HHS. Since it is a Hasbrouck house, our family should make an important contribution, and we have already been asking for your help.

Unable to afford the proper care of Locust Lawn, the 1814 Josiah Hasbrouck House, HHS transferred the property last fall to Locust Lawn (in Poughkeepsie), which is stronger financially and a natural fit, since the two properties were under common ownership by a Hasbrouck descendant for many years. HFA has a cordial relationship with Locust Grove management and expects to remain involved with this family house.

HFA has also made a major effort to expand communications with family members through our website, newsletter and now a presence on Facebook, which has attracted almost 300 “friends”, hardly any of them HFA members. We need members to engage these new friends and persuade them to join because we really need more younger people to maintain the longer term health of the Association. Members are also asked to reach out to their extended families and encourage them to join and participate in its activities. Membership leaflets are available on request from the HFA office to aid recruitment efforts.

We look forward to visiting a fully restored Abraham House at next year’s reunion and expect that it will reward and further our continuing effort to preserve our family’s fascinating heritage and intrinsic Huguenot values.

9. The Treasurer reported on HFA’s financial position. Despite the unfavorable economic and market climate, our invested funds have performed satisfactorily this year, especially the Helene Anderson Fund, which supports the Abraham Hasbrouck House. It is still close to its all-time high and is providing sufficient income to support the major restoration/interpretation project now in progress. The HFA Endowment Fund, the income from which funds all our activities except the Abraham House, is not large enough to support these activities adequately and is in need of your contributions. And the approaching replacement of the Jean House roof continues to be our primary fundraising priority.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

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Meryl S. Brown, Secretary