

Hasbrouck Family Association Inc.

Annual Meeting–October 10, 2020

TENT on DEYO LAWN, HISTORIC HUGUENOT STREET AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561

1. The President called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

2. The Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) directors present were introduced:

Thad C. Hasbrouck, President, Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President; John O. Delamater, Vice President, Robert Freehill, Vice President (virtual presence), Derek Hasbrouck, Vice President, Rebecca Hasbrouck, Treasurer, and Meryl Brown, Secretary.

3. Reading of the minutes from October 12, 2019 was waived.

4. President report:

Hasbrouck Family Association is active and financially sound.

Financial assets come from member's donations and bequests. HFA has received two very large bequests over the years. The Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund is a restricted fund used for maintenance and restoration projects on the Abraham Hasbrouck House. The Harriet Hasbrouck bequest of \$2.4 million is an unrestricted fund, used for HFA activities and Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance and projects. The HFA Board is working towards establishing a Jean Hasbrouck House fund, similar to the Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund.

The Jean Roof project is complete! HFA members contributed over \$32,000 to this project. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the project was put on hold until summer and completed in September. The engineer for the project stated that the shingles should last for up to 100 years!

The Abraham House west wall restoration project is being completed this year. In collaboration with HHS, a time period of 1760 is used to display the Abraham House. Since 2000, the roof framing was repaired and hand-crafted shingles were installed, restoration of the interior was completed after extensive research, and the north and south walls have been restored – and now bringing the house's façade to its 1760 appearance. The east wall will be analyzed; work on it will complete the exterior restoration of the house.

The Board of Directors has carefully reviewed the acquisition of items for the Abe House with guidance from Board Director Robert Freehill. A Jackfield pitcher and reproductions of rare antiques were acquired this year.

The Olive Hasbrouck Whittier Memorial Garden, with the efforts of Director John O. Delamater, Marja Delamater and gardening friends, has been maintained throughout the year. This year, they planted iris fans which were hybrid creations of Jim Gibson's grandmother, Gertrude Florence Hasbrouck, called the Texas Honey Iris.

Zazzle, the new on-line store which replaces our older Café-Press store, is ready for you to go shop for gifts this holiday season. The link to the store can be found on the Hasbrouck Family Association website.

The Hasbrouck Family website has been moved to a larger server by our host company which allows more efficiently page loading and updating. From the website, one can access *HFA Journals*, family history, on-line store, books on genealogy and the houses, membership renewals, donations and HFA voting.

Facebook page has around 800 members. The site provides a window to HFA for many.

Four HFA scholarships, (\$2000 each) are awarded annually. Directors Robert Freehill and Rebecca Hasbrouck review and process the scholarship applications from college students who are Huguenot descendants to determine the awardees. This year we included a one-year membership to the Hasbrouck Family Association for the recipients.

Membership is critical to the success of HFA. We continue to look for ways to encourage new members and involve existing members in the workings of the association. If anyone has thoughts on membership expansion, share your ideas with Robert C. Hasbrouck, the director overseeing membership.

For 2021: celebrating the 300th anniversary of Jean and Abraham houses is in the works.

5. Treasurer report:

Hasbrouck Family Association assets total \$5.3 million in two funds,
The Anderson Fund is restricted for Abe House restoration and maintenance,
The HFA Fund (which includes the Harriet Hasbrouck bequest) uses dividend income and has no restrictions,
For 2020, HFA had income of \$87,000 in interest and dividends on funds, as well as long and short-term gains,
House expenses in 2020 included: Abe house projects and collections of \$100,000 and Jean house maintenance of \$17,000.

6. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.

7. Voting results (including proxies) for election of directors were as follows:

<i>Slate of Directors:</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Thad C. Hasbrouck	President	45	1
Write-In: Derek HasBrouck for President		1	
Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.	1 st Vice President	43	3
John O. Delamater	Vice President	41	5
Robert H. Freehill	Vice President	41	5
Derek W. HasBrouck	Vice President	43	3
Rebecca J. Hasbrouck	Treasurer	46	0

There being no other candidates, the slate of directors was elected.

8. President appointed the following officer:

Meryl S. Brown – HFA Administrator

9. Reading of the necrology: Erik Hasbrouck died in 2019 (HFA notified in 2020), May Kerwin passed after last year's meeting in 2019, Mildred Watson, Bette Helwig, Walter H. Hasbrouck, Thomas P. Hasbrouck, and Roger Graham. A moment of silence was observed.

10. The meeting was opened to members for comments / questions. Lisle expressed thanks for the Zoom meeting giving her the opportunity to attend.

11. Liselle LaFrance, Executive Director of Historic Huguenot Street, spoke about HHS activities. Once COVID restrictions were lifted on construction activities, HHS was able to work on stabilizing the LeFevre 1798 House structure and proceed with work on the Abe and Jean houses. HHS has gone green with solar electricity credits, set up with help from Derek Hasbrouck.

Master Site Plan progress: plans for construction of new visitor center near the picnic area are being developed, converting LeFevre house into the Library and Research Center, and an orientation center at the carriage house.

Collections and Furnishings: HFA purchased furnishings for the interpretation of the house. HHS received in October, a collection of 100 pieces of furnishings, decorative art and farm implements with Hudson Valley provenance from the Anne Carpenter Bienstock estate. This will help with interpretation of other houses on the street.

No house tours have taken place since March due to COVID. However, scaled-back activities have been creatively implemented. An updated walking tour app is available, Haunted Happenings program in October converted to an entertaining app. Virtual programs created: workshops online, Lenape Language workshop, school programs, Huguenot Stories, Women Series, shown various videos, and online exhibits has allowed audience to be international and local.

HHS received COVID grants to help keep the site operational. Maintenance and security staff have been on site while other staff working virtually.

12. Thad C. Hasbrouck showed a virtual walk down Huguenot Street with photos of the historic houses on the street, focusing on the Abraham and Jean house restorations and updates.

13. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.



Meryl S. Brown, Secretary