Hasbrouck Family Association, Inc. Annual Meeting – October 23, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

- 1. The President called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- 2. Hasbrouck Family Association Directors introduced themselves:
 - a. Robert C. Hasbrouck, First Vice President Membership Development
 - b. John O. Delamater, Vice President House Preservation & Restoration
 - c. Robert H. Freehill, Vice President Collections and Scholarships
 - d. Derek W. HasBrouck Investments
 - e. Rebecca J. Hasbrouck, Treasurer Finances and Scholarships
 - f. Thad C. Hasbrouck, President Communications
- 3. Attendees were welcomed and asked to note in Zoom Chat their name and location. There were 21 HFA members in attendance.
- 4. Reading of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting was waived; the Minutes were accepted.
- 5. The President reported on activities of the past year.
 - a. Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of both the Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck Houses, a successful special Life Membership discount was designed for 2021 by Director Robert C. Hasbrouck.
 - b. At the Abraham Hasbrouck House, several projects are in progress. With the west wall restoration, a historically accurate stoop design for the two doors is being developed. An old-style door lock was fabricated by blacksmith craftsman Jonathan Nedbor for the center room door, to be installed. Two Kapstocks were designed by Josephine Bloodgood, of HHS, based on examples in the HHS collection; they were fabricated and installed by Jim Decker in two of the rooms. The east wall (rear of the house) restoration design is being developed by Neil Larson, architectural historian consultant for HFA.
 - c. The Jean House has four projects underway. A historically accurate cellar access roof is being finalized for the back of the house, replacing a dilapidated one. Contractor bids for Gutters designed to handle the volume of water from the large roof are being accepted by HHS. The 1830 Barn, behind the Jean House, has a plan for stabilization and reroofing being finalized. Removal of one of the partitions in the Garret (open second floor space), which will open the sight lines for visitors, is being studied.
 - d. In both houses, several electrical outlets have been discretely installed, increasing safety with the elimination of extension cords for dehumidifiers and winter heaters.
 - e. When the Abe House collection was being put back in place after the west wall restoration, discovered was a significant moth infestation. Some fabrics were damaged and moth larvae were found in the rush seats of some chairs. HHS consulted fabric experts and developed a plan for remediation and ongoing monitoring. Subsequently, some moths were found in the Jean House, so a similar remediation and monitoring plan was instituted there.
 - f. Hasbrouck genealogy research has been extensive in the US. However, in Europe previous efforts by family members were unsuccessful. HFA has contracted with Trace Genealogy to verify the parents of Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck by name and location, believed to be Calais, using genealogists located in France. If that is successfully completed, efforts will be made to find previous European generations using the same organization.
 - g. In 2021, an HFA member approached the Board of Directors with the desire to donate a restored painting of Abraham Hasbrouck (of the Strand, Kingston, NY) painted by John Vanderlyn, Jr. circa 1815. When it is in New Paltz, HFA will maintain ownership of the painting, while working with a regional museum of historical paintings for its display.
 - h. Annually, HFA awards four scholarships to deserving college students of Huguenot Street lineage. Given the sound financial status of HFA, the scholarships were increased to \$3,500 each for 2021. Directors Rebecca Hasbrouck and Robert Freehill oversee the scholarship program.
 - Locust Lawn, a Hasbrouck house located in nearby Gardiner, NY is owned and managed by Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie. Director John Delamater is working with the Locust Lawn

- organization to accomplish some much needed restoration work at Locust Lawn with HFA assistance.
- j. Two generous benefactors, who were founders of HFA also, Harriet Hasbrouck and Helene Hasbrouck Anderson, provided funds that support much of what we are able do at the houses. With no next of kin, their gravestones were not adequately inscribed. Director Robert Freehill researched the location and condition of the graves, oversaw the cleaning of the gravestones and the addition of information on the markers about each of these HFA pioneers.
- k. Our strong financial position is due to the management and oversight of our investment portfolios by Director Derek HasBrouck, for which he is commended.
- 6. Rebecca Hasbrouck, Treasurer reported on the finances of the organization, noting that HFA is in a strong position with assets valued at over \$6 million dollars, an increase of \$1 million from a year ago. Investments are in two accounts each with a diverse portfolio. Both the Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck Houses are maintained, and restoration projects undertaken with funds from these accounts, in addition to other family-related projects.
- 7. The President appointed Meryl S. Brown to be the Inspector Elections.
- 8. Voting was completed by proxy. The voting results were:

late of Directors:		For	Abstain
Thad C. Hasbrouck, President	-	26	0
Robert C. Hasbrouck, First Vice-President	-	26	0
John O. Delamater, Vice-President	-	24	2
Robert H. Freehill, Vice President	-	23	3
Derek W. HasBrouck, Vice-President	-	23	3
Rebecca J. Hasbrouck, Treasurer	-	26	0

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

- 9. The President appointed Meryl S. Brown to be the HFA Administrator for the coming year. He noted that her outstanding work is greatly appreciated.
- 10. There were no comments, questions, or suggestions from members in attendance.
- 11. Liselle LaFrance, President of Historic Huguenot Street reported on activities on the Street. Staff continues to work mostly remotely, with reduced hours. But thanks to the US Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program, staff has been retained. Virtual programs have been held in the past year, keeping HHS connected to people. The Fall Harvest Celebration was a virtual event this year and was a success. Tours on the street were held, by appointment and in small numbers of people per tour. School groups are starting to come to the Street, with the Abe House used for them. HHS is appreciative of the ongoing support provided by the Hasbrouck Family Association.
- 12. With no additional business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.