## Hasbrouck Family Association Inc. Annual Meeting—October 7, 2023

Reformed Dutch Church, Fireside Room New Paltz, NY 12561

- 1. The President called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- 2. The Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) directors introduced themselves: Thad C. Hasbrouck, President, Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President; John O. Delamater, Vice President, Robert Freehill, Vice President, Rebecca Hasbrouck, Treasurer. Derek W. Hasbrouck, Vice-President was introduced in absentia.
- 3. The president welcomed everyone to the reunion. The attendees introduced themselves. There were 23 attendees.
- 4. Reading of the minutes from October 8, 2022 was waived. Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes and motion made to accept the Annual Minutes of Oct. 8, 2022. Both motions passed.

## 5. President report:

- A.) The Board of Directors held in-person meetings in January, June, and October.
- B.) The association, with over 300 members consisting of Life and Annual members, is growing with vitality.
- C.) Financials: HFA stock market portfolio is stable with a mixed portfolio. Treasurer will give details later.
- D.) Jean Hasbrouck House
  - a.) The roof, completed in 2020, showed how deteriorated were the gutters. Their replacement has been delayed due to a contractor issue. A different plan is being formulated to get new wood gutters in place by this time next year.
  - b.) Deteriorated cellar covering in the back of the house is to be replaced. Detailed shop drawings and specs were developed by Crawford & Stearns. Contractors are lined up with work expected to start in the coming weeks. In addition to the carpentry work to replace the cellar cover, the entire east wall will be repointed to match the north wall.

## E.) Abraham Hasbrouck House

- a.) HFA working on a design for front stoops. A concern has arisen that the ground level is too high for a stoop at the center room door. A surveyor completed a topographical map, confirming the issue. The Board has approved the opkamer door stoop and a faux hatch cover located at the original entrance to the cellar kitchen, adjacent to the opkamer stoop. Shop drawings will be completed next.
- b.) East Wall Restoration Projects: 1. Door frames original, period appropriate doors fabricated. 2. Window in center room (not original) to be removed with stone infill done. 3. Opkamer window will have period appropriate shutter installed. 4. Mortar repointing of wall. 5. Cellar windows, later additions, to be addressed. 6. Restoration of well. This plan has been approved by the HFA Board and the HHS Historic Preservation Committee. Shop drawings and specs come next.
- F.) HFA has helped with projects at Locust Lawn which is owned by Locust Grove. Exterior painting is needed. HFA has secured a painting contractor to complete this project next year.
- G.) HFA has been working with Trace Genealogy for confirmation of Jean and Abraham's parents in Europe. In the second phase of the research, a potential lead was discovered. Further work is needed to confirm the findings in the Pas-de-Calais and Nord notary records, that include marriage records. In 1636, Jehan Hassenbroucq, of Zanvoorde, near Ypres, married Marguarite Cannel, of Hames, in Guines (Pas-de-Calais). A third phase of research is underway to attempt to confirm this finding.
- H.) The John Vanderlyn, Jr. painting of Abraham of the Strand, has been acquired and is awaiting placement in a museum. The painting is currently hanging in the office of the HHS president.
- I.) The gift of a 1641 Netherlands Bible, printed in Dutch, was received from Bob Timpson.
- J.) An early 18<sup>th</sup> century Blanket Chest was purchased at an auction and is displayed in the Abe House south room.

- K.) HFA awarded four \$5,000 college scholarships to four Huguenot descendants in 2022. HFA provided funds to HHS to increase the principal of the Charles and Kenneth Hasbrouck Scholarships so they can be offered every year, \$1,000 each.
- L.) Robert C. Hasbrouck designed a membership survey for the Board to get everyone's thoughts about HFA activities, newsletter content, members' skills and interests, family legacies, and Hasbrouck heritage sites in home regions. It will be available online and in print format.

## 6. Treasurer Report

- A.) Hasbrouck Family Association assets total \$5.3 million. The two asset funds are: HHA and HFA.
- B.) Helen Hasbrouck Anderson (HHA) fund, valued at \$2.3 million, is restricted to maintaining the Abraham Hasbrouck House.
- C.) Hasbrouck Family Association fund, valued at \$3 million, uses income from dividends without restrictions. Harriet Hasbrouck bequest is part of the HFA fund.
- 7. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.
- 8. Voting results (including proxies) for election of directors were as follows:

OFFICERS	FOR	abstain
a.) President Thad C. Hasbrouck	25	0
b.) First Vice President Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.	24	0
c.) Vice President John O. Delamater	24	0
d.) Vice President Robert H. Freehill	25	0
e.) Vice President Derek HasBrouck	24	0
f.) Treasurer Rebecca Hasbrouck	25	0

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

- 9. President appointed the following officer for 2023-2024: Meryl S. Brown HFA Administrator
- 10.) HHS Report Liselle LaFrance, HHS President
  - A.) HHS is appreciative of the Hasbrouck Family Association's support in the scholarship program, assisting in the purchase of work and passenger 'golf' carts, and with numerous house maintenance and restoration activities.
  - D.) Digitalization of documents funded by National Endowment of Humanities by a conservationist company in Philadelphia. The second phase is well underway. Hasbrouck family papers cataloged are 160 documents including Abraham's ciphering book dated 1730-1739); Received \$25,000 grant from Dutch Consulate General of NY for the translation of the 190 Dutch papers for digital version.)
  - E.) Received State of America's Treasure Grant for \$500,000, a matching grant, for Bevier / Elting house restoration, and the matching funds have been raised.
  - F.) A successful program, the 17<sup>th</sup> century New Netherlands marketplace showed indigenous people of the Lenape tribe along with a demonstration of early Dutch Life.
  - G.) The Master Plan is being developed, with guidance from Michelle Moon and Rainey Tisdale. A video was shown with an explanation of the desirable site of Huguenot Street for indigenous and Europeans.
- 11.) Motion made to adjourn. Adjournment 11:00.

Meryl S. Brown, Secretary