

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting
May 24, 2011, 7:30 PM, Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, 500 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the May 24, 2011 regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:35 PM.

Attendance

Committee Members:

Suzanne E. Andrews
Councilman Jay Muldoon
Tyreen Reuter
Becky Seely
Nancy Zerbe

Guest:

Dennis Bertland

Previous Grant Work

The Committee has still not been able to find the three-ring binder with Linda McTeague's final report; it is not in the Mayor's Office.

Middlesex County Grant

Historian Dennis Bertland reported on his research to date, including:

- ◆ 1910 and 1920 directories
- ◆ Census data
- ◆ Newspapers: The Bloomfield papers around 1915 have stories about the Metuchen vs. Glen Ridge Brainy Borough issue, with many of them repeating the Metuchen side of the story (fortunate as the Metuchen Recorder is missing for the ca. 1915 time period.)

Dennis believes that there does not seem to be a big correlation between the Brainy Borough theme and the Woodwild Park area.

Dennis turned into Tyreen Reuter his first invoice.

With additional time, Dennis will:

- ◆ After Suzanne links him up with Eric of the Woodwild Park Association, review their materials (if appropriate) or go to the NJ State Archives.
- ◆ Pull together their report, with research material and summary.

Scavenger Hunt

We received 32 responses (12 from the Chamber office; 20 from Borough Hall). Of the forms turned in, 7 were double sided (the way the Committee copied them).

The Committee reviewed the responses and then randomly picked winners from the 100% correct submissions:

1st Prize: Avery and Jordan Andersen

2nd Prize: Mary Stinson

3rd Prize: Gail Bailey

4th Prize: Kai, Jun, and Sena Gesteland

5th Prize: Debra Berg

Tyreen will let the winners know and will get the list of participants to Mayor Vahalla.

Review/recap of Minutes from the May 10, 2011 Meeting

After review, the Committee reviewed and approved the minutes (Suzanne Andrews / Becky Seely M/S/C, unanimous) to approve.

Next Meetings

The Committee's future meeting:

6/14, 7:30 PM

No meetings in July and August.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Zerbe
HPC Member