

Hasbrouck Family Association Inc.
Annual Meeting
October 10, 2009
Deyo Hall, New Paltz, New York

1. The President called the meeting to order at 3:15PM.
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;
Meryl S. Brown, Secretary; and Thad M. Hasbrouck, Assistant Treasurer.
3. The attendees introduced themselves. (Total attendance at the reunion was 45, including 4 children.)
4. Reading of the minutes from October 11, 2008 was waived.
5. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.
6. The President announced that the current directors (listed below) had agreed to serve for another year.

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

There were no nominations from the floor.

7. The directors were re-elected by unanimous voice vote.
8. The President appointed the following officers:

Meryl S. Brown	Corporate Secretary
Eleanor C. Sears	Assistant Secretary
Thad M. Hasbrouck	Assistant Treasurer
9. The President reported on events of the past year and the current status of the Association and its prospects:

With the excellent restoration of the Jean Hasbrouck House completed last year, the major effort this year has been planning the restoration of the Abraham Hasbrouck House. Early this year HHS formed a task force for this purpose with HFA represented by Marja Delamater, Eleanor Sears and our consultant, Neil Larson, who also acts as our on-site project supervisor (in coordination with HHS). The task force has made some basic decisions, which are supported by the HFA directors:

The period of interpretation will be approximately 1760-1775, when Daniel Hasbrouck's widow, Wyntje Deyo, was in charge of the house. The theme will be the role of women in the New Paltz area during that period, and it should enhance visitors' experience by providing a different perspective from the other historic houses on the Street. HHS has engaged a specialist to create a furnishings plan consistent with the interpretation. Exterior work (painting of windows/doors and hanging of shutters) should begin soon, but the interior work will take considerably more time. The first step will be a more permanent stabilization of the roof to replace the sturdy but temporary structure installed in 2003, when dangerous cracks in the rafters were discovered. Because of its

extensive scope this work needs to be completed before other interior work starts. The project as a whole will require that the house be closed next year and until its completion, now projected for mid-2011.

Although visitors are enjoying the restored Jean Hasbrouck House, it needs a new roof, which will probably cost over \$100,000 and require a major fundraising effort. In the interim HHS will make patchwork repairs. Meanwhile the Jean roof continues to be HFA's major fundraising effort.

Locust Lawn, the third Hasbrouck House owned by HHS, is suffering from its isolated location (3.5 miles south of New Paltz) and inadequate funding, which have placed its future in jeopardy. HHS is trying to implement a plan to move it toward semi-independence (under HHS oversight) and financial support by its local community as well as possible association with a regional association of historic sites.

Meryl Brown maintains our genealogical database with about 24,000 names. We have no genealogist and no volunteers to do research, but we input any information we receive and can respond to inquiries as well as send family tree printouts to members on request.

HFA participates with HHS in an annual scholarship program and normally funds two \$2,000 awards to the most qualified applicants. This year, as last, HHS is unable to fund awards from its primary source, and HFA has agreed to compensate partially by giving four \$1,000 awards. Winners have not yet been chosen but will be covered in our next newsletter.

HFA's finances have suffered in the current financial downturn, especially our endowment fund, which has lost both asset value and income, in turn hurting our general (operating) fund and thereby our capacity to help HHS support the Jean House and Locust Lawn. The Anderson Fund (which finances Abraham House expenses), has not fallen as much and should still be able to fund the restoration project there.

We continue to experience a slow decline in membership and lack of active involvement by our members. The President urged attendees to encourage relatives to join and pointed out that internet and telephone make it easy to participate in HFA activities from anywhere in the country. It's not necessary to be in the New Paltz area to do such projects, for instance, as genealogical/historical research and communicating with other members. Without more active member involvement HFA's continued viability is in doubt, so this is an area that needs continued emphasis. .

10. The Treasurer's Report on HFA's financial position was given. As of September 30, 2009, assets were:

HFA General Fund	\$ 76 thousand
HFA Endowment Fund	323
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	<u>1,719</u>
Total Assets:	\$2,118 thousand

The Anderson Fund is used only for the Abraham House and can adequately cover its maintenance and restoration expenses. The General Fund is used for day-to-day operations; its major source of funds is the income of the Endowment Fund.

Due to HHS's strained financial position, HFA will probably need to contribute financially more than usual in the next few years to the upkeep/restoration of the Jean House and Locust Lawn. A higher level of member contributions is needed for this purpose.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.