

Hasbrouck Family Association Inc.
Annual Meeting
October 8, 2016
Deyo Hall, New Paltz, New York

1. The President called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Present were 19 members and one guest.
2. The Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) directors present were introduced: Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr., President; Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President; John O. Delamater, Vice President; and Robert H. Freehill, Vice President.
3. Reading of the minutes from October 10, 2015 was waived.
4. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.
5. **Voting results (including proxies) for election of directors were as follows:**

Slate of Directors:	<u>Votes</u>
Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.	59
Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.	55
John O. Delamater	44
Robert H. Freehill	43
Derek W. HasBrouck	42
Thad C. Hasbrouck	59

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

6. The President appointed the following officers:
Meryl S. Brown Corporate Secretary
Rebecca Hasbrouck Development Chair
7. The President reported on events of the past year as well as current and planned activities:

We continue to focus on projects at the Abraham House, where we have adequate funding from the bequest of Helene Hasbrouck Anderson. Moisture control is an ongoing problem. This spring we repointed the chimneys to eliminate leakage there, and we are studying ideas for regrading around the house to address moisture penetrating through the walls. Having restored the interior of the house in 2012 to reflect the 1760-75 interpretation period, we are now discussing with HHS a plan to restore the exterior to reflect that same period. That is problematic because it would involve eliminating or replacing most of the windows, which were installed in different styles in later years. We are proceeding with the first part of the plan, eliminating first floor windows on the north and south sides and switching to shuttered windows on the second floor. We commissioned a follow-up to the original furnishings plan, which was never fully implemented, and are reviewing a draft of the new plan with HHS. And we are taking steps to bring about completion of the 2004 archaeology project, which has been bogged down for the last several years.

Fundraising for the roof replacement project at the Jean Hasbrouck House has almost reached its goal of \$185,000. The project includes strengthening the frame under

the roof and replacing the heating system. It is underway now, starting with an engineering analysis of the frame.

HFA has retained its involvement with Locust Lawn (the 1814 Josiah Hasbrouck House) following its transfer in 2010 from HHS (which could not afford to maintain or restore it) to Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie, with which it shared a common Hasbrouck-related ownership. Locust Grove has accomplished a substantial restoration of the Locust Lawn property, and HFA has contributed several thousand dollars to the effort.

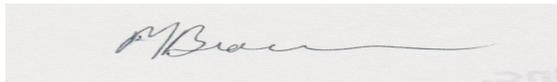
HFA and HHS jointly operate a scholarship program for college undergraduates with proven Huguenot ancestry. HFA awards \$2,000 scholarships to the two candidates given the highest ratings by the Scholarship Committee. Candidates must submit their ancestral line back to a Huguenot connection. It is hoped that this research will produce a lasting interest in their Huguenot heritage and membership in HFA.

HFA is concerned with recruiting younger people to carry on the functions of the Association as the present membership ages and gradually disappears. With this objective in mind we maintain a presence on Facebook, which has so far attracted about 580 "friends"; but very few of them have become HFA dues-paying members. Current members are urged to engage them online and encourage them to join the Association.

The HFA newsletter and website remain the primary means of communicating with our members and the public. Members are requested to submit interesting family-related news and stories for the newsletter.

Members were reminded of the attractive family-related items available for purchase online at www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily; also by mail from HFA. Both sources can be accessed through the HFA Store link on the HFA website's home page.

8. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President reported that the Association's finances are in satisfactory shape, although the General Fund operates on a break-even basis, and additional contributions would enable us to expand our activities. A balance sheet as of September 30, 2016 was made available.
9. Rebecca Hasbrouck reported on her rewarding participation in the recent Slave Dwelling Project on Huguenot Street, during which she spent a night in the kitchen of the Abraham Hasbrouck House (where the slaves dwelled), experienced the primitive living conditions there and had stimulating discussions with the other participants.
10. Several attendees commented on the unsatisfactory lack of signage directing visitors to Huguenot Street from the NYS Thruway and in New Paltz. Mr. Delamater cited a signage provided by NY State law and recommended that HHS apply annually under this law until approval is received.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.



Meryl S. Brown, Secretary