

Newark Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Zoom: <https://udel.zoom.us/j/92658934137>

Present: Lance Eisenhower, Linda Gould, Theresa Hessey, Josh Shannon, Kaitlyn Tanis, Mary Torbey, Alex Toth, Will Webber

Absent: Kyle Hitchens

Call to order: 7:02 PM

July Minutes—Motion to approve by Will. Seconded by Josh. All in favor.

Treasurer—See Mary's email. Storage unit discount has ended. Motion to approve by Will. Seconded by Lance. All in favor.

250th Events: Interns are finishing up this month. Transitioning from social media posts to creating short videos. Fall intern opportunity will be posted soon. Possibility of micro-internships through UD to create short videos. Chapel Street Players may be interested in hosting future NHS events.

August 4, 2025 at 7:00pm, Newark Senior Center—Event has 15 attendees.

September 24, 2025 at 7:00pm, Newark Senior Center—Dael Norwood—history of bondage in DE. Lance will create flyer and share with Josh to send out to mailing list.

November ____--TBD at Newark Senior Center. November 6, 17 are options. Lance will reach out to speaker for their preference.

Upcoming Speaker Events:

October Walking Tours—Linda, Alex, and Jim will conduct tours. Wednesday October 29th 2 tours. One on Thursday October 30th 1 tour. All at 7PM.

November 10, 2025 at 7pm, Newark Senior Center - Curtis Paper Mill Video and Panel Discussion

Jim Jones will be sometime in February

Upcoming General Events: Kaitlyn has created an event schedule flyer to hand out at Hagley.

Hagley Summer Night Dates - Table events starting at 5pm

August 13 - Kyle & Alex

August 27 – We need coverage. Please reach out to Kaitlyn if available.

Member & Volunteer Picnic

September 7 at 1:00 - 3:00pm in Kells Park

Food—Capriotti's, potluck, and drinks. All of our volunteers and interns will be invited. Kaitlyn will create a form to RSVP so that we can estimate food.

Community Day - September 21, 2025 11:00 - 4:00pm will need volunteers

Items for sale/giveaway

Mid-August order more supplies: Sell or give away - See Linda's email with options for items. Add option of baseball caps with new logo for volunteers and board members. Hat will use opposite logo from tote bags.

Stickers/magnets

Tote bags—can include event flyer. Preference for the non-woven tote using the archy logo found on our website.

Coasters—If we order multiple can they have different images? Linda will follow up.

Kaitlyn will send mock up design to the board for approval.

National Association State and Local History - \$118 a year?

All in favor of joining at a later date.

Email in Wix—We use Mailchimp to send out emails. There's an additional fee of \$24 to send out emails via Wix. May be able to direct signups to Mailchimp.

Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia—NHS may be a potential site/partner for events to promote the publication of a print version in the fall.

Divider panels in Meuriel McLain's storage unit—Will be moved to Mary's garage to determine if they're worth saving. If so, Mary can continue storing them until renovation is complete.

Renovation update—Windows continue to be delayed. Order finally placed in early August. Take 12 weeks for delivery. Hopefully windows will be completed around Thanksgiving. Likely to move back into the building in January.

DANA update—Setup has been complicated. Mary has been added to the profile. Kaitlyn met with a consultant through DANA to discuss financial planning. Option to hire a consultant to provide additional hours after the first free consultation hour. We should take advantage to raise the profile of NHS.

Motion to adjourn by Linda. Seconded by Mary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM