**BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** 

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## Spring Newsletter Brooklyn Historical Society

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Updates since the Fall 2016 meeting

**Spring Report** 



Commemorative Model Train Car for Sale at our Website and FACEBOOK Page

It has been a long winter and spring is in the air (at least until today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March) and I suspect all are ready to move onto the fun and activity of the summer season here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Though, we did not have a fall meeting this past year (2016), the society has not been dormant.

On March  $4^{th}$  the committee to update and recommend adoption of amendments to our by-laws met at

meeting to be held at 2 P M. on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April at the Brooklyn Township Building. The members of this committee include: David Palmer, Richard McKnight, Bill Zick, Patty Button, Paul Gere, Gwen Diaz, Jacqueline Thomas and Jack Thomas.

Also, at this April meeting, action will be taken to formally elect a number of officer and trustee positions to the society, many of which are currently serving loyally and energetically in an "acting" status.

The minutes of the annual meeting in July 2016 will be acted upon by the society at this spring meeting. Those minutes are currently available for review at our website located at <a href="http://brooklynpahistoricalsociety.com/">http://brooklynpahistoricalsociety.com/</a>

A report of the effort to obtain designation of the Martins Creek Viaduct on the National Historic Registry will be presented by David Palmer. This past fall and winter, David has been periodically meeting with Sophia Ficarro and Alesha Kazmierski in this effort. Both are Juniors at the Mountain View High School, who have volunteered to help in this effort. Coordination has been obtained via the Guidance Office and Donna Porter at Mt View High School.

Patty Button will have a detailed report on the audit she submitted on November 5, 2016. Suffice it to say that the society is in great financial shape as a result of years of attention by previous officers and trustees.

Our guest speaker at the April meeting will be Mr Ken Parks. He will speak to us about the <u>DNA Boot</u> <u>Camp, Basic Training for the Genetic Genealogist.</u> Mr Parks made a similar presentation to the Lathrop Township Historical and Genealogical Society this past fall and was well received.

We also may have a presentation that day by the Genealogical Research Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania? You will have to come to the meeting to find out.

We expect to have some discussions on the role Brooklyn Township played in 1917-1918, during the War to end all Wars, A.K.A. World War I. If you have any family or community history on that subject, bring it with you that day for discussion.

The April meeting promises to be an interesting and informative one. Bring a friend...a new member.

Very Respectfully,

DAVID J PALMER, President