

March 17, 2016 Bay Shore Historical Society Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30 and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry said that there was a large turnout of Society members for the Bay Shore Brightwaters St. Patrick's Day Parade and it everyone had a lot of fun.

Kelly read the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting. JoAnn reported that the newsletter was sent out with the renewal form included. 192 members have renewed. Joe reported that the expenses were \$1,360 and income was \$1,860. This includes the membership renewals. Barry showed a student project that had been presented at Hofstra. The project was about Dr. George S. King. The student completed the research for the project from collections at the Gibson-Mack-Holt House.

The guest speaker was George Munkenbeck. Mr. Munkenbeck is the Islip Town Historian. George provided an update on some happenings in Islip. (1) Islip Town received a NYS grant to digitize vital records of the town (2) the Modern Times Schoolhouse building in Brentwood is being stabilized (3) progress is being made on the building for the Firemen's museum in Central Islip (4) two tours in conjunction with the Islip Arts Council of historic sites in Islip are scheduled in April and May.

George Munkenbeck presented "A Local Hero: Edward J. Carmick". Captain Edward J. Carmick was from Islip and enlisted in Sayville as a US Sharpshooter. Sharpshooters had well equipped uniforms, rifles and work tinted glasses to shade their eyes. Carmick's first time in the field was in 1862 at The Peninsula Campaign. Carmick was captured and imprisoned at The Battle of Glendale (part of the Seven Days' Battles). Carmick was paroled, promoted, fought in more battles and then commissioned as First Lieutenant. Carmick was killed in action at the Battle of the Boydton Plank Road where troops had broken through the Confederate line. Carmick's mother retrieved his body and buried him in Lake Ronkonkoma cemetery.

Barry thanked George for his presentation and invited everyone for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro