

September 15, 2016 Bay Shore Historical Society Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Robert Entenmann and Pat Hogbloom. Kelly read the minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting. Priscilla reported on the upcoming events in the community including Brightwaters 100th anniversary of incorporation, Sagtikos Manor Fall Festival and the new interactive teller machines at NEFCU. JoAnn reported that current membership is 303. Joe reported income was \$1,077 and expenses were \$810.

The guest speaker was Christopher Jend. Chris discussed architect E.G.W. (Ernest George Washington) Deitrich – Shingle Style in Bay Shore. Deitrich designed the John Mollenhauer House, built in 1893, located at 60 Awixa Avenue. He also designed two homes for William H. Wray located at 38 and 68 Awixa Avenue. A fourth home at 32 Awixa Avenue was a Deitrich design. 38 Awixa Avenue was destroyed in 1978 by fire, but the other three homes still stand today. Born in Pennsylvania, the eldest of six, Deitrich moved to Brooklyn in 1886 after completing a successful apprenticeship in Pittsburgh. Deitrich designed a number of public buildings and residences in Pittsburg, Scranton and upstate New York. Deitrich's shingle home style was asymmetrical exteriors and floor plans. The family would "walk through" after dinner - men would enjoy a whisky and cigar in the library while the ladies socialized in another room. The floor plans of Deitrich's Bay Shore homes were organized in a similar way with ample space for husbands and wives to entertain their guests separately. Also incorporated in Deitrich's home design were natural materials, horizontal fenestration groupings, porches, piazzas and loggias.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro