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Dear PMA Members:

A general membership meeting was held on Saturday, September 21, 2002. I think it was the biggest turnout we ever had: yours truly, Joe Laufer, Dan Barto, Edith Freeman, Tom Faile, Jeanette and Delsea Sozio, Rhondi Schwartz, Joan and Ken Milby, Pete and Karen Cawthon, Flo Gomez, Jack Yetman, Marybeth and Richard Baron, Carole Melman and Mike Reilly were all in attendance. The day was gorgeous, and we were able to enjoy our traditional coffee and donuts in the exercise yard.

Enclosed are membership cards for those of you to whom I have not been able to personally give cards. As you might recall, we lost our old cards when we were temporarily displaced from our office. I finally had new ones made, and so will be able to give members a card each year in the spring when we renew memberships. At the meeting, we voted to give members free admission to the museum and a 10% discount in the gift shop (you must show your card). We gave a few honorary 2002 memberships to people who helped at the 2001 Haunted Prison.

We had only two items of old business, the first of which was that we had the Wesley Warner book reprinted for sale in the gift shop. (As an additional bennie, members get a free copy.) Our friends at Heidelberg Press on Route 38 in Hainesport did a simply fantastic job at a discounted price.

The second item of old business was that we purchased new picnic tables for the exercise yard at a cost of \$1,800. Expensive, but worth every penny, as we no longer have to worry about splinters in our butts or not being able to wipe bird poop off the worn wood seats before we sit down.

Speaking of bird poop, same was the first item of new business. As you know if you've ever visited the Jail in the summer, pigeons go to town on the window sills, steps and railings. Besides being generally disgusting, its unsanitary and dangerous, as pigeon poop tends to be slippery. It also causes deterioration of stone, metal and almost everything else it touches. The Parks Department has taken steps to address the problem. If it still exists in the spring, however, we will offer to hire a bird poop specialist.

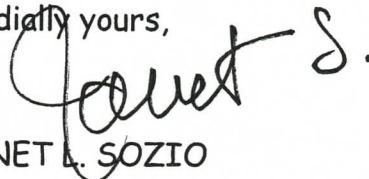
We hired Brian Frampton, CPA, of Gary Mazzucco and Co. of Moorestown, to prepare an audit and budget, to make sure our tax filings are all in order, and to work with the law firm of Parker, McCay and Criscuolo to make sure our corporate papers are in order. John Devlin, Esquire, of that firm has always been another great friend of the PMA. Thank you, John, for the time you have donated to our organization.

In the spring of 2003, a group of tour operators will be touring local sites, including the Jail. We hope to entice them to include it as an attraction. We voted to spend up to \$2,000 on a professional historian/historical re-enactment specialist to work with actors to perform for the tour guides and at future events. I'll provide you with an update in the spring newsletter.

As you know, we did not have a Haunted Event this year. Of course, many people, including members of the public and those who enjoy working at the event, were greatly disappointed. While I frankly get a headache just thinking about preparing for it, we really do have fun at the event itself. More importantly, the fact of the matter is that the PMA could generate more revenue from a well-run haunted event than it generates in a year from admissions and gifts shop sales. Moreover, such an event exposes almost as many people to the Jail in one night as tour it all throughout the rest of the year. It is definitely something we will have to seriously discuss in the spring.

That's it for this year. Wishing you a wonderful holiday and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet S.", written over the typed name.

JANET L. SOZIO

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Timothy E. Annin, Esquire
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Richard Baron
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Joan Boas
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Ed Holloway
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