

PORT NORRIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 10, 2017

Attending: Rev. E. Barnes, A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, R. Cobb, G.& J. Guidera, F. & J. Hickman, Joanne Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Massey, S. Ricci, J. Robbins, R, Smith.

Following an excellent “compare and contrast” presentation of then and now photographs by Sam Cobb and Rachel Cobb, the meeting was called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Note** for anyone who is interested, Rachel’s pictures are for sale.

Happy New Year !

The first order of the meeting was the nomination of officers for 2017 as well as the vote for same. Conducted by Nominations Chair, Joyce Massey. There being no additional nominations, the ballots were distributed. With the votes counted the following persons were reelected Liz Hoffman, Treasurer, Richard Smith, Vice President for the next two years, Thank you Joyce.

It was noted that both the secretary and the treasurer should have associates to help when needed and be familiar with the duties. Robin Berry is the Associate Secretary.

Review of Minutes: Remove Shane Berry from attendees list for meeting. Motion to approve Dick Smith, second by Robin Berry. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The price of the safety deposit box was raised to \$45.00 . We had not visited at all, Liz felt in was not needed. Discussed where to keep papers secure, suggested calling Ron Tomlison, Locksmith to see if the safe can be utilized. Dick Smith will contact.

Report reviewed as distributed. There were \$1200 in donations. Pay Pal to be transferred on the last week of the month. Copy of report on file. Motion to approve by Joyce Massey , 2nd by Joanne Hickman. Approved. Rachel will do paypal at the end of the month.

Donations to the museum: Sara Robbins Hoffman donated a Cemetery Book which is a complete directory of everyone. Robin will acknowledge .

Also sending donations , papers and pictures. Carol Rodgers gave a Louise Mints book ,several news clippings about Port Norris, John Lee, letter and donation, Vineland Historical Society picture of making salt hay. Pat Moore, donation.

Collections: Robin Berry reported that they organized some of the things on the second floor. Also the Computer, hutch and filing cabinets have been moved to the second floor thanks so much to Shane and Brandon Berry for doing that. Christmas tree and decorations were also taken upstairs. There is more space in the back room.

Membership Newsletter – Rachel proposed putting together an annual year in review newsletter from some past articles that are specifically ours to be printed for sale or as handouts. Cost of less than \$1.00 each. Send as acknowledgements to members without computers or in response to donations.

Soup and Chili Dinner: Tomorrow at 1pm there will be a meeting at our building to review supplies and planning for dinner. Tickets and ticket lists distributed. Please list first and last names and amount paid.

Legends Dinner: Runaway Chefs has closed. Liz checked with a couple of places and got a menu from the Ramada Inn. Also checked with the Savoy in Vineland Both require \$500 non-refundable deposit. After discussion, motion made by Gloria Guidera and seconded by Joyce Massey, to place deposit on Ramada for Sunday November 12th. Approved. Price is similar to Woman's Club . We could reach out to many more attendees.

Shed from Home Depot: Dick and Rachel had checked out a shed sitting outside Home Depot hoping to get it cheaper. Didn't work out since sheds are owned by another company and are just sitting there. Perhaps in the spring. Should start a fund for the shed. Suggested a Donation box at Soup Dinner.

Incorporation : We are not incorporated. We discussed pro and cons of Incorporations. The rules for incorporation were reviewed. Involved discussion. Table for this meeting.

Insurance: Faye Hickman has insurance experience and will review our policy for liability coverage.

Discussion regarding grants: Most grants are looking for program . It is a difficult thing to find a grant that will cover the building repairs on the interior in order to accommodate programs. Robin will research a grant writing program at CCC. Alvina and Dick will apply for SJI grant before the deadline. Also look into other grants. Dick will ask Carol Perrelli, from Mauricetown , about their grants.

We must have a building review meeting during which we can decide exactly how to go about the renovations and ADA bathroom for starters. Date for that meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 1:30pm

Waterman's Memorial Meeting: Rachel, Liz and Alvina will attend and are wanting to move forward so this meeting is extremely important. We will not know anymore until after tomorrow.

Bay Day: Rachel is encouraging the Holly Society to attend Bay Day and would like for us to be open on that day as well so that they could come here.

We have more books from Tom Hollinger. He will donate \$5.00 per book sold.

Decision on Annual Newsletter: We decided to publish 50 copies. Motion by Joyce Massey . Agreed

Joanne thanked those who contributed warm clothing. She had a great response and does not need more.

Meeting adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary