

**The Port Norris Historical Society**  
**ZOOM Meeting: January 11, 2022**

**Members Present on ZOOM:** A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, B. Hall, L. Hoffman, J. Lacotte, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith.

**November Meeting:** The December Secretary's minutes, the December Treasurer's report, and the January's meeting agenda were emailed to active members on January 10, 2022.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** Liz H. made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2021, meeting as corrected. Joyce M. seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved by members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report for the month of December 2021 was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R. and emailed to members.

**Alarm System Update** – Issues with the alarm system are finally corrected; a battery was replaced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Ginny reported a total of (75) members for the 2021 year. Ginny stated this is a revised count. Currently, in 2022, we have (45) members (30 paid members plus 15 honorary members).

**Correspondence:** Gloria G. stated two thank you notes were mailed for donations received. She questioned when to send cards for people who have passed away, most recently, Ethalinda Blackman and Drew Tomlin. It was decided it was not necessary to send sympathy cards. Rachel C. will note in our newsletters and add information to the “In Memoriam” pages.

**Collections:** Two glass front wooden display cabinets were recently donated and moved into the building. Joe and Mary Linda L. donated one in memory of Charles and Lena Hanby; the other was from an anonymous donor. Boni Kane, who donated the oak basket last month, also gave a carousel projector and screen to add to our collection. Liz H. also donated several items. Pat S. has a list of items on display in the downstairs rooms. Labels will be made for these items.

**Welcome:** Pat S. stated she is gathering more current materials to include in the bags distributed to new town residents. Please notify Pat or Faye if members know of any new family that has moved into town.

**New Trail Marker:** Ginny C. mentioned there is a new trail on the right side of North Avenue just beyond the Tabernacle Church if travelling out of town. Pat S. commented it is a circular trail that goes back towards the meadow. The new trail sign was erected by the Nature Conservancy.

**Building:** Dick S. reported that Custom Drywall has completed the repairs on the walls and ceilings in three rooms upstairs, adding an extra small room for no extra charge. He painted the ceilings, leaving extra paint for us to use. Painting the walls in these rooms will have to wait until the temperature warms up. Dick stated the floors will need to be painted also.

Dick ordered a new battery for the ceiling fans/light remotes.

The idea of having another window donation campaign to replace the upstairs windows was presented to members. Replacement windows would be installed in the rooms where work was just completed. Dick will get an estimate for the (6) windows. A plaque for each window donated would be placed in a shared area, possibly downstairs, for the public to view.

**Seed swap:** Rachel C. announced a tentative date of Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Seed Swap. There will be no planned activities, nor members of the Master Gardeners present this year. Packets of seeds will be displayed on tables for visitors to take. Masks will be required to enter the building. Rachel has volunteered to stay for the duration of the event. If there are seed packets remaining, Rachel will contact the Master Gardeners and the Citizens United groups to see if they would like to have the extras.

**Legends Awards:** Letters to Legends honorees are ready to be emailed to each Legend's contact person. Information includes a detailed menu, with the cost of the plated lunches. In addition, the following deadlines are stated in the letter:

February 8<sup>th</sup> - final date to receive list of guests

March 5<sup>th</sup> - date to mail invitations

April 5<sup>th</sup> - final date to receive RSVP cards

April 16<sup>th</sup> - final lunch counts to NJ Motorsports Park

Once the Covid numbers decline, a meeting will be scheduled with the Motorsports Park catering representative.

Next meeting: February 8, 2022

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary

Corrections:

Save the Date (Clarifications) – Legends Awards: April 30, 2022,  
from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.

Passing's: Ethalinda Blackman (spelling)

