

The Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
January 12th, 2016

Attending: Rev. E. Barnes, A. Baum, G. Campbell, Dot & Norman Cobb, R. Cobb, A. DeFabritis, G. Guidera, J. Hickman, F & J Hickman, L. Hoffman, L & K Kincaid, S. Ricci, C & J Robbins, and D. Smith. We welcomed guest, Rev. Joseph M. Hamblin from Haleyville Church of the Living Waters. There was an informal open house with refreshments as we start the New Year.

Following an excellent, informative presentation on the Boy Scouts in Port Norris in the 1950's by Norman Cobb and Jimmy Robbins, the meeting was called to order .

Motion to approve minutes as e-mailed by Gloria Guidera, 2nd by Pat Moore. Approved.

Treasurer's report: was handed out and reviewed by Treasurer, Liz Hoffman. She also had a breakdown of the Legends Dinner. We cleared \$631.93 Total. We are calling this a friend raiser because, although we do not make a lot of money, it is a very popular event. There are three outstanding checks, one to a student, Women's club said they sent the check back but it was not received by us, and the check for the school bell. No action to be taken at this time. Motion to approve report by Joanne Hickman with 2nd by Pat Moore.

Mary Ella Morie donated \$100. Appreciated. Note from Hannah Nichols for Legends honor was read to the group.

Book written by a local man on the "Delaware River" Rachel has a copy.

Mentioned Cumberland County Historical "Race Through Time" to be held in Spring & Summer. We plan to participate. Possibly one day a month. Rachel will meet with Linda Jones to discuss. Refer to travel column for South Jersey.

Liz brought in two artifacts , a working compass from the boat "Toffy" donated by Bobby Peterson from Heislerville, and a small "folk doll" donated by Rachel Robbins Mertz. All handmade doll in quite good condition.

Ray O'Brien will donate a Santa Claus suit made in Port Norris when Rennoc was started here. Given by his family.

Woodstown H.S. request for speaker on the Bay referred to Clyde Phillips.

Membership: Ginny Campbell reports to date there are close to 50 renewals including Legends in 2016.

Committee Review:

Collections: Rachel Cobb, *Robin Berry, Ginny Campbell, Pat Moore Need more helpers.

Budget: *Liz Hoffman, Dick Smith, Alvina Baum, Ginny Campbell

Events Committee: Need a chairperson and members. We should think about this and discuss at next meeting.

Cookbook Chairperson: Eileen Bernhardt will think about a subject . Alvina suggested a "Summer Time Cook Book" with our Jersey Fresh Produce.

* Denotes Chairperson

Review of Second Friday Holiday Placement and Sales: Special thanks to Gloria Guidera for helping with set up and Jim & Carol Robbins and Ginny Campbell for being there. There were a lot of vendors and crafters. It was crowded but we were in a good place, We had \$170 in sales.

Soup & Chili Dinner: Dick Smith will chair the event. Tickets distributed for sale along with sheets to list names and phone numbers of purchasers. Meeting set for 1pm on January 27th to check supplies and assign shoppers and any other details. Everyone will be making two gallons of soup. Fewer soups (14 varieties) and no cream soups. Dick will distribute containers. Desserts are lined up and will be reviewed at the meeting on the 27th.

Building: Repairs and painting finished on the outside. It is awesome that in three years we have paid off the mortgage, installed a new roof, have new windows on the first floor, a new door at the rear and a new gas heater. Well done everyone!

Suggest a special meeting in February for a planning/ building meeting. Think about a name for the building.

Reminder: Watermen's Memorial Meeting scheduled for Wed Jan 20th at 10 am.

Motion to adjourn the meeting approved unanimously,

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary