

Port Norris Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2013

A Governing Board Meeting was convened at the Law's Building for the purpose of toasting the purchase of the building . Thanks to Rachel Cobb, president elect, sparkling cider and paper cups were provided for this auspicious occasion. It was quite cold in the building and the meeting was soon moved to the Robbinstown Library.

The general meeting was called to order by Rachel Cobb at 7pm

First meeting for 2013 . Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting as e-mailed. (There was no meeting in December due to the Legends Dinner.)

Attending: Ed & Kelli Adams, Rev. Barnes, Eileen Bernhardt, Rachel Cobb, Dom Capaldi, Joanne Hickman, Liz Hoffman, Cora & Mondell Matthews*, Cathy Ore, Pat & Richard Smith, Sam Ricci.

*The Matthews are new and are becoming members. Cora is now from North Carolina.

Treasurer's report presented by Joanne Hickman. List of recent donors was read. Balances are: Checking \$6603.03 and Capital Funds \$2296.60. Copy of that report to be attached to the minutes. Motion made and accepted to accept the report. Thanks were expressed to Sam Ricci for paying for printing of the dinner invitations and to Liz Hoffman and Dick Smith for the purchase of a table and chairs for the building.

First order of the meeting is to elect the slate of nominees to office. Thanks to Dom Capaldi for his service. Dom Capaldi has accepted a position as a sixth trustee. The slate is:

Rachel Cobb – President	Trustees: Ed Adams, Jr.
Dick Smith – Vice President	Rev. Ernest Barnes
Liz Hoffman – Treasurer	Ginny Campbell
Alvina Baum- Secretary	Eileen Bernhardt
Robin Boyer- Associate Secretary	Sam Ricci
	Dom Capaldi

Motion was made by Rev. Barnes and seconded by Kelli Adams to approve the slate as the elected officers for 2013.

Naming of Committees: Committee for reviewing of by-laws consists of: Ed Adams, Kelli Adams & Sam Ricci

Financial Committee: Liz Hoffman, Chair, Joanne Hickman, & Dick Smith. Need to make a budget.

Old Business:

Legends Dinner Report: Thank you note from Vertie Kunkle was read. Another thank you note was received from the Riley family. Liz said that Stacy from Run Away Chefs was very, very accommodating. The dinner was excellent. Joanne Hickman suggested that the date be moved closer to October. Note that new Legends also need an invitation or at least an RSVP card. The invitation next year should also include information on the auctions so that they can be prepared to bid/ spend. The profit from the dinner was excellent, \$1454.09 as of the end of December.

Several donations have been received from local businesses due to the diligence of Dick Smith , Ed Adams and others. They will be recognized with certificates and listed on the web-site.

New Business:

Rachel reported on the progress of the web-site. She has been traveling a lot but is home for a long while and will have time to continue working on the site. Rachel's sister Lisa Kincaid is going to join the organization and has volunteered to do a Facebook page after she recuperates from recent surgery.

Members agreed that FB is good coverage. Rachel will thank Donna and Steve Moore for their efforts and let them know that a new page will go up and be updated on a regular basis.

Conversation regarding sales on the internet (shopping cart) with the problems it would present resulted in deciding not to use the shopping cart at this time.

Rachel asked about available pictures. Both Ed and Dick have lots of pictures. Steve has given pictures and a disk to Liz. Rachel has various ways to download pictures onto the websites. She will keep working on it. Rachel has the disk of Lena Hanby but they will not copy. She is working on that as well. She is looking for churches, houses, people anything that is older history at this time. Ed has pictures of the recent storm (Hurricane Sandy) . Mrs Matthews told of the many things in our history that are not yet reflected on the web-site. Everyone is encouraged to send in information for the web-site. Mary Coursey was the first black baby born in Port Norris. Encouraging a town reunion on Bay Day as a Port Norris family reunion day. Everyone who was born or raised here – come back and share in the history of the town. We can cooperate on this day. They envision a float for the Bay Day parade with pews from Shiloh Church. Ed Adams asked for persons to contact. He will check these sources. Rachel expressed the desire to start a people profile page .

Building: Where are we with payments to John? Now owe him \$4000. If donations are designated for the building, they must go to John Laws. Road cleanup is for the building. Discussed how we can do needed repairs while paying off the building. Have not yet applied for grants. Alan Horseman is going to do the emergency repairs for \$400. Motion made and passed for Alan to do that. He will help us all he can. If they are desired /needed, we can willingly give donation letters to persons who are work at a cut rate for the benefit of PNHS.

Insurance for building: Cathy Ore got a quote for \$1087 for vacant building, \$85,000 coverage and \$1,000 ,000. liability extending to parking lot. Sam Ricci had very little luck with his company. Dick talked to two people without result. We need to go with this but Ed Adams wanted to see a copy of the policy. Cathy felt that they would not honor this. We need to pay up front . Cathy will explore getting a copy.

Ed knows Bob Connors at Mints Agency and will get a copy and then buy the policy. Agreed that we will move forward with this. Approve the money now, all were in favor. Will handle ASAP.

Addition payments to John Laws. Dick Smith requested an addition amount of money to be paid to John Laws. Agreed on the \$1000 from the road cleanup Sam Ricci 's \$500 plus money from the Hoffman Funeral home for a total of an addition payment of \$2000. This leaves us a balance of \$2000 on the building.

Joanne would like to run all monies through the general fund so that she does not have to transfer funds so often. Approved until John is fully paid. Financial committee will consider budget. Liz is the new treasurer. Need three signatures on new card. They will be Liz Hoffman and either Dick Smith or Ed Adams as co-signers. Statements to be sent to Box 187 address. We will be using the Millville location of Colonial Bank. Post Office box key given to Liz. The building is now tax-free. Now that we own property, do we need to be incorporated or would LLC suffice. Rachel will check.

Dick has another suggestion for a fund raiser. He and Pat Bradway are working on another book. This one is on World War Two. It would work like the scrapbooks. Society will pay for printing with profits from sales being returned to the society. Third scrapbook in the works. Discussed cookbooks.

Bayshore Discovery is having a “ story telling time” on January 19th from 2-4pm. The subject is Bivalve. Invite participation. Rachel will request being in their information loop so that we can be cooperative participants. We will add this to our web-site.

Liz requested a student membership for Lindsay Abbott and Concetta DeFabrities to thank them for their participation in the road clean-ups. Agreed.

Rachel suggested having a premium for donations. For \$25/ Rachel would make up a set of cards. All were in agreement. Also for Bay Day take pictures of all sides of the building and make a bank for donations. These are Rachel 's donation. There being no further business meeting adjourned. Next meeting on Tuesday, February 12th at 7:15pm at the Blue Building.

