

The Port Norris Historical Society

October 10 , 2023

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, S. Damato, J. Elwell, G. Guidera, M. L. Lacotte, J. Maddox, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith,

The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, commencing at 7:10 p.m., in the Society's headquarters building, with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and the Secretary present.

October Meeting: The September minutes, October 2023 meeting agenda, and a draft copy of the proposed Criteria for Legends Nominations were emailed to active members on October 9, 2023.

Review of Minutes: Gloria Guidera made a motion to approve the emailed minutes of the September 2023 meeting. Sandy Damato seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by members present.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report, filed by Joyce Massey, will be forwarded to officers and executive committee members by Rachel Cobb on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. A refund of \$45.00 plus a service fee of \$1.75 through our PayPal account for three tickets purchased in error.

Property Taxes: An application to Commercial Township was completed to reapply for exemption of property taxes. This application is required every three years.

Monetary Donations: Don Robbins gave a \$500.00 donation to the PNHS when his family visited the historical society building for an open house in September.

Committee Reports

Membership: Virginia Campbell mentioned new member, Josph Elwell, and reported a current total of seventy-three (73) members to date.

Correspondence: Gloria Guidera sent a sympathy card to Jim and Carole Robbins, expressing our condolences for the passing of Jim's sister, Florence. A thank you card was sent to Don Robbins for his monetary donation.

Joyce M., Pat S., and Gloria G. – wrote thank you notes to all those who baked and also to the young people who worked at the Soup dinner.

Collections: Pat Wilson sent post cards by mail to the PNHS.

Collections Committee: Members have not met during the past month.

Welcome Committee: Pat Smith stated the committee has a couple of new families to visit soon.

Commercial Township Community Day: Robin Berry reported there is no rain date scheduled for this year's event. The PNHS will plan to participate in next year's Community Day.

Monthly Programs: Gloria Guidera stated a note was sent to inquire about a speaker for one of our meetings. There has been no contact made to date.

Robin Berry noted she has a DVD copy of the movie made in Port Norris, titled "The Migrants". Future showing of the movie was discussed, with no definite dates set.

Wi-Fi: Virginia Campbell reported the Postmaster of the Port Norris office was able to add our street address to our current PO Box mailing address. Our street address is now in the database. Rachel Cobb will follow up with T-Mobile and check Google maps for access to Wi-Fi in the building.

Soup Dinner Review: Dick Smith reported all thank-you framed prints were delivered to this year's sponsors for the soup dinner. He stated there was plenty of help the day of the dinner.

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| Receipts: | Sponsors donated | \$ 3,983.06 |
| | Monetary donations | \$ 150.00 |
| | Ticket sales | \$ 2,868.00 |
| Total monies received | | \$ 6,785.06 |
| Expenses: | Set-up/take down | \$ 300.00 |
| | (3 people paid \$100.00 each) | |
| | Dishwasher | \$ 100.00 |
| | Tips | \$ 13.00 |
| | (added to \$187.00 donations received for tips) | |
| | (Each worker received \$50.00 in tips) | |
| Net Profit: | | \$ 5,745.70 |

Legends 2024: Mary Linda Lacotte reported the date of the 2024 Legends is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the NJ Motorsports Park beginning at 12:00 noon. Nominations are now open for 2024 Legends and will close on November 10, 2023. Voting for the 2024 Legends will take place by silent ballot at the December 12, 2023, meeting.

Committee members Dick Smith, Faye Hickman, Rachel Cobb, and Mary Linda Lacotte drafted a set of criteria for Legends Nominations which was emailed to members and discussed at the meeting. Revisions to the wording of the qualifications were made as follows:

- 1) Has had a positive impact on the community of Port Norris.

2) Must have been a resident of the community for at least 25 years, or has established a significant connection to the community for 25 years.

Clarification added:

If an individual has been nominated but was not selected as a Legend, the nominee will be rolled over for consideration the following year. Should the nominee not be chosen the second year, the name will be archived and removed from the active nominee list. A renomination would be required after the second year.

Legends of the 21st Century nomination forms were received for Shepherd Lewis Lore, nominated by his brother Herbert Lore, and Eric Bateman, nominated by his daughter Michelle Bateman. The name of Les Godown was presented for nomination, with the form to be completed for the November meeting by his daughter, Mary Godown Lewis. A Living Legend nomination form was received for Robert Bateman, nominated by his niece, Michelle Bateman. The names of Edith Selby and Cindy Tawes as Living Legends were also presented, with the paperwork to be filed for the November meeting.

PNHS Officers: Nominations for officers will be opened at the November 2023 meeting with voting to take place at the December 2023 meeting.

Comments:

Information: Rachel Cobb is looking for photographs and information on the flood of 1962 and the Bi-Centennial held in commercial Township in 1976. If available, please contact Rachel C.

Hours of operation: A suggestion was made to coordinate our hours for visitors with those of the other local historical societies. Grant applications require reports of established visitors' hours.

Dick Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Sandy Damato. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary

Corrections:

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