

Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
October 8, 2013

Attending: Rev. Ernest Barnes, Alvina Baum, Eileen Berhardt, Robin Berry, Virginia Campbell, Joanne Hickman, Sam Ricci, and Richard Smith.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Richard Smith, President Rachel Cobb is traveling in Spain.

Old Business:

Building Report:

All windows are now completed. Plowman's will send invoice with an addition bill addressing just the lead paint removal. Back door was installed in the wrong spot and will need to be corrected. Side door is here in the building. Rachel will handle when she returns. Her father assured us that the Pyotts will make it right. The door is beautifully installed. Gas line has been installed. Ed Adams pushed SJI and was issued an apology and a credit. We will not have to post a deposit. There is no meter yet. Dick will check with Guy about heater installation time line. The front door has been stripped of lead paint. They tried very hard but there are traces of color left in the wood. They could not go further for fear of damage to the wood. Type of finish yet to be determined but it must be protected from the weather.

Roof donation: Ethalinda Blackman sent a check for \$1000 designated for roof.

Insurance Update: Ed Adams will check with Insurance Company to see if the policy needs updating.

Alvina presented a waiver form to be used by persons working in the building to protect us from liable.

No further Old Business so the minutes of the previous meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's report. (September) Total Balance in General Fund is \$6916.98. Total in Capital Fund \$ 3403.57.

Report on file with the original minutes. Approved.

New Business:

Grants: Who is willing to serve on the Grants Committee? Dick, Alvina Eddie and Ginny.

To meet soon after Legends dinner. First project must be signing the contract for 1772 Trust in order to Get a check for the \$1300 (90% of the \$1500). Other grants to be submitted. Dick will call SJI re: if the funds have to be spent within the year or if we could ask for funds for the roof.

Legends Dinner: Handed out invitations to committee. Dinner is projected to be a sellout. 55 invitations were mailed. 28 replies have been received already. Table decorations will be easy this year. Alvina has purchased leaves, etc. Fall arrangements. Table cards will be made by Ginny. Ginny will need help gathering items and definitely with setting up on that day. She needs to be two places at one time. Joanne will do PNHS item. Plaques are ordered.

Price from caterer has increased by \$2.00 but our price must remain the same.

Clean up Day: Scheduled the date of Saturday, October 19, 2013 . Meet at 9:00 am at the building. Dick will get the equipment. Money designated to John Laws.

File Cabinet needs to be moved from the Library to the building. Need Pendaflex hanging files to organize forms so that they will be available when needed. Dick will arrange.

Soup dinner: Committee decided that the soup dinner is a good idea. Need a date from the fire hall hopefully during the winter perhaps in February. We need our own warmers. Joanne will check prices at BJ's. Will plan further after the legends dinner.

Estimates: Dick brought up the need to begin to gather ball park estimates for replacing the roof and completely rewiring the building . These estimates will give us a base for writing new grants for 2014.

Window plaques and dedication: Discussed the possibility of getting the window memorial plaques made in time for a holiday open house. Also discussed having decorations in the windows. Fall decorations now and Christmas decorations starting in December. Townspeople are noticing the upgrades in the building. There have been good comments. We also discussed curtains for the windows. Ladies will handle.
Alvina will call Cedarville Historical Society to establish the time of their Christmas Open House.

Alvina showed a poster by an artist who made a presentation at the last watermen's memorial. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov.22. We need to invite others from our Bay Area towns to listen to our ideas. We must have more area interest and involvement.

Fire Company Oyster dinner coming up they would appreciate our help broading oysters on the 16th if possible. The time is 6pm.

Alvina will send an e-mail as a reminder of that as well as the road clean up on the 19th.

Alvina has the table decorations for the Legends dinner. Ginny will make signs for the reserved family tables. Discussed the timing of the speeches and that they must be brief. Reservations are filling up and the committee must get theirs in early as well. We may have to eat in the foyer. Liz Hoffman is in charge of the reservations and seating. The occupancy limit for the fire code is 99 in the main room.

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.
Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, at 7pm. We are hoping to have heat by then.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary