

The Port Norris Historical Society

Monthly Meeting

October 8, 2024

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, P. Cavender, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, M. L. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Lore, D. Pettit, S. Ricci, P. Smith, R. Smith.

October Meeting: The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, commencing at 6:34 p.m., with Vice President, Faye Hickman, being in the chair in the absence of President Rachel Cobb, and with the Secretary being present.

Moment of Silence: Vice-President, Faye Hickman, asked the members to observe a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Helene.

Review of Minutes: The September 2024 minutes and the October 2024 meeting agenda were emailed to active members on October 7, 2024.

Corrections: Page 1, paragraph 8, line 31: Change first name of Ryan to Brian Mikus.

As reflected in the minutes, during the September meeting, Rachel Cobb stated the book donated by Linda Keen may be donated to the Dividing Creek Historical Society if the historical society determines the book is not significant to Port Norris. Faye Hickman stated the book should be returned to Linda Keen if not approved by the committee to accept.

Gloria Guidera motioned to approve the emailed minutes of the September 10, 2024, meeting, seconded by Eileen Bernhardt, and unanimously approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report: The September 2024 Treasurer's report was emailed to the PNHS Board members on October 6, 2024. As there was not a quorum of board members present at the meeting, voting on the Treasurer's Report will be tabled until a future board meeting.

Announcements: (1) The Mauricetown Historical Society canceled their 40th anniversary Celebration Dinner planned for October 18, 2024, due to lack of sufficient ticket sales. (2) Ervin Hickman, husband of Joanne Hickman, passed away on September 28, 2024. His funeral service will be held on Friday, October 11, 2024. As per Ervin's request, people attending services are asked to wear jeans, and something orange. Additional funeral service information may be found on the Hoffman Funeral Home website.

Correspondence: Gloria Guidera, Corresponding Secretary, reported thank you notes were written to Belinda Hall for her Soup dinner donation and to Emily Del Rossi for her water color donations. Gloria G. and Pat Smith wrote thank you notes to those who donated to the Soup Dinner.

Membership: Virginia Campbell, chairperson, was not in attendance; therefore, no official total was reported. In an email, Virginia C. stated the numbers remain constant.

Soup Dinner Fundraiser: Dick Smith, Soup Dinner Chairperson, stated all plaques have been delivered to sponsors. Faye Hickman reported approximately one hundred seventy (170) people, including workers were served. Thirty-three tickets (33) were sold at the door, in addition to the seventy-six (76) people who ate in house, and seventy-eight (78) take-out meals for a total of 154 tickets sold. Monetary compensations were given to the young people who worked in the dining area, as well as Sam Gross who provided his assistance in the kitchen throughout the day. The official financial report will be given at the November meeting once all expenses and donations have been received.

Dick Smith stated there will be no additional soup dinners. It will be necessary to explore new fundraising ideas as the profits from the dinner are used to pay for utilities, insurance, alarm system, and the internet.

Collections: Pat Smith noted items received for collections: (a) Pat Carney donated a box of items from the family of Jack Carney. (b) Dick Olson, of Oregon, sent a photograph of the trolley car in Port Norris. (c) Charlie Moore donated bug sprayers, a wooden half-hull model, and a collapsible yardstick with the inscription "Vote for Eugene Eichelberger and Ed Cox." (d) Faye Hickman was given a copy of a book "Ferracute: The History of an American Enterprise," with a unidentified photograph, possibly of Harry Webb. The book will be returned to the individual if not significant to the historical society. Pat S. asked the Collections Committee to discuss a date to meet and review the items that were donated.

Legends 2025: Mary Linda Lacotte stated nominations for Legends 2025 are open for the month of October. Names of nominees from last year who were not selected as Legends for 2024 will be rolled over for consideration this year.

Roll overs for 2025 Legends are: *Living Legend, John "Bob" Bateman; 21st Century Legends, Eric "Ricky" Bateman, and Sheppard "Shep" Lore. Cindy Tawes* declined the nomination last year for personal reasons. Roseanna Smith will be asked to contact *Cindy Tawes* regarding this year's nominations. Criteria for nominations were read to the members.

Members suggested *Jean Lewis*, as a 21st Century Legend and *Hattie Lewis* as a Living Legend. A nomination from the floor for *Dick Smith* as a Living Legend was declined. Other individuals' names suggested as 21st Century Legends were *Austin*

Berry, Ed and Lehma Gibson, Pat and Lee Robbins, George McConnell, Paul Hoffman.
Mary Linda L. stated she should be able to find information on *A. J. Kelberg*, whose name was mentioned in past years as a possible Historical Legend.

At the November meeting, all nominees will be presented. The Nominations Committee will meet and select the Legends for 2025 and announce at the December meeting. Criteria and nominations forms are available on-line.

There being no additional business, Dick Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Hickman. Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The next meeting of the PNHS will be held on November 12, 2024, at 6:30p.m.

Mary Linda Lacotte,
Recording Secretary