

The Port Norris Historical Society

Email Meeting November 10, 2020

Member Email Responses: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, D. Smith, P. Smith.

First PNHS meeting in the new Headquarters building: Rachel C. presented a brief history of the first meeting held on January 8, 2013, in the building. After toasting the purchase of the Laws building, the meeting was moved to the Robbinstown Library due to the cold temperatures and lack of heat in the building. Two photos and a copy of the first section of the minutes from that meeting were included in this month's agenda.

November Meeting: The in-person meeting scheduled for November 10th at the PNHS building was cancelled at the last minute due to the rising number of Co-VID cases in Commercial Township. The November agenda, Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on November 9th.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the October email meeting were approved by the unanimous vote of members who replied by email.

Treasurer's Report: The November Treasurer's report for the month of October was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R. and emailed to active members. Donations in the amount of \$380.00 and membership dues in the amount of \$150.00 were received. Monthly utility bills (totaling \$44.42) were the only disbursements for the month of October. The Treasurer's report, as emailed, was approved by the unanimous vote of members.

Donations: Non-monetary: Two large paintings of the schooner, Emma Peterson, were donated by the Peterson family.

Committee Reports:

Membership: G. Campbell. Our membership has increased to 78 members.

Collections – Pat S. Many items (books, pictures, uniforms, etc.,) have been received over the past months and each item will need to be reviewed by the committee once the building is opened to members. The two paintings recently received from the Peterson family were added to the collections.

General Business:

Scarecrows – Rachel C. According to the guidelines of the Commercial Township Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt Contest, each organization or business is asked to have one scarecrow on display at the business location during the month of November. Joe and Mary Linda refreshed the scarecrow “Big Dag”. Dick S. will put the scarecrow outside near the front door after the storm on November 2nd.

Legends Nominations – Mary Linda L. The 2020 Legends Award honorees, Samuel Lake, Samuel Shinn, and Dr. Bradford will be publicly announced in early November in the PNHS Newsletter.

Delaware Watermen’s Memorial – Rachel C. thanked all members who attended the Annual Watermen’s Memorial Ceremony held on Sunday, November 1st from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm outside on the docks at the Bayshore Center. The rain stopped and the sun appeared just in time for the program.

Nominations – Joyce M. Nominations were to be read at the November meeting. However, with the emergency cancellation of the meeting, the nominations will be sent by email in December, with voting taking place by email. Sam R. will take over the duties of Treasurer with Liz Hoffman being appointed as Co-Treasurer. Faye H. has been appointed to fill Sam R.’s position as a Trustee.

Dehumidifier – It is necessary to purchase a dehumidifier for the building in order to keep the dampness out. For practical purposes, a drain to the outside will be needed.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

DECEMBER 15TH MEETING

I am sorry for the delay in our December Meeting. I have good news to report. I finally have people to work on my house. I have settled to date with my insurance company and the work will begin Tuesday on my sun-room and its roof. After that the house roof. I am super pleased. Thank you for your continued thoughts and support! It has been a journey... a long way to go but a start.

Review of November meeting minutes: Mary Linda L.

Attached - Vote required

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ricci

Attached - Vote required

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Membership: Ginny C.

Currently we have 78 Members

It is time to renew your membership. It is so important, that we continue to support all that we have worked for. We just had a large payment for the insurance. We need to heat the building and the electric bill, even when we are not there. Your membership dues help us with the daily needs of our meeting hall. Thank you so much. Follow the directions in the email Ginny sent earlier.

COLLECTIONS - Pat S.

We continue to have some new collectibles. Some day we will get to show and tell.

JUST TODAY 12/15 Dick secured a awesome collection item. We now have the wood stove that heated the Robbinstown School. It's big! Really neat! Also recently, Vivian Morris' family donated her Legends award back to us. It was one of the original awards Steve Moore had made with the oyster shell on top. Very nice to have that.

NOMINATIONS

Since we had to cancel our Nov. meeting at the last minute we will have the nominations open now. If anyone would like to suggest someone other than those listed below, please email any nominations to Rachel @ rcobb455@gmail.com We will send another email out right after Christmas for a vote.

Richard Smith - Vice President

Sam Ricci - Treasurer.

Elizabeth Hoffman Co-Treasurer

Faye Hickman - Trustee

John Hickman - Trustee

Terms beginning January 1, 2021

DEHUMIDIFIER

We need one! The building is too damp. It is not good for the building. We will have a quick discussion in the in-person building and report back. They are not expensive and the hardest part will be getting a drain outside. We should be looking at something energy efficient.

Has anyone had time to research this yet? If someone could, that would be helpful. Thank you!

INSPECTION

The insurance company conducted an inspection of our building. Thank you Dick for taking care of this. He also bought new smoke detectors for the downstairs.

I want to thank everyone for a good year in spite of a pandemic! Who would have thought this when we had our seed swap and our soup dinner! I am glad our group is well. Please stay healthy!!!!!! I hope we will meet again, very soon. Have the most wonderful holiday season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rachel