

Port Norris Historical Society  
November 11, 2014

Attendance: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Donohue, G. Guidera, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, P. Moore, R. Smith and Drew Tomlin Guest.

Prior to meeting Drew Tomlin gave us some interesting information regarding old ship registries.

Meeting called to order by Rachel Cobb.

Minutes reviewed with two corrections: Change John Lore to John Laws and correct spelling of Eileen's name to Bernhardt. Motion to approve as corrected by P. Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Smith.

Treasurer's report: Attached to minutes. Motion to approve A. Baum, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Campbell Approved.

Correspondence via e-mail: Keith Mooney requested permission to metal detect in the back yard. Decision was no. Alvina will respond. Also an e-mail from Doris Danna, will be sending a donation and pictures from the Danna family. Responded with thanks. Judy Wilson requested information about medals DAR & OUAM Lodges. Dick will respond.

Barry Elaine Rocap wrote about being raised in Port Norris. We discussed how to share this information that comes to Alvina thru Facebook.

Dallas Landing Meeting will be at the Mauricetown Fire Hall on November 21 and will be an Open Forum from 6-8:30pm Dick, Rachel and Robin plan to attend. We have a flyer to share. F. Donohue is interested.

Membership: We now have 64 members. Ginny is working on a renewal letter. Alvina is still working on additional members addition to group list.

Cookbook: Barbara Adams offered a cookbook to us. It is completely done. Eileen and Robin will get in touch with Barbara to determine what that process would be. Needs further attention.

Collections: Robin got the papers for the gas heater donated by Bill Morrison. After the holidays, we need to focus on a committee and a process. We need to organize and clean up the building.

Donation: Jane Christy of the Holly Society has donated a small holly plant to us. Rachel will plant between our building and the firehouse.

Computer and desk has been donated and is now in the building. It is a nice computer and we thank Eileen Bernhardt for her donation.

Review the proofs for the plaques: Everyone should check their proofs at the end of the meeting.

General Business:

Legends Review:

We had 90 people and memberships, sales & auctions totaled \$696.50. When all the costs and receipts are totaled, We will be lucky to net between \$800-\$1000.

Pat Moore shared that there was a lot of love going on at the dinner and that it was like a big family reunion. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. The Cobb family reconnected in a special way.

There was a problem with the hall when the caterers arrived, it was dirty and not properly set up. I will check with Irene about this situation. We were charged \$50 for set up.

At the dinner the Robbins family asked if they could purchase a window. Since there were none available, the suggestion was made to see if they would wish to donate the final \$500 owed on the building, we would name the meeting room, the Sam & Marie Cobb Room. Motion made. All were in favor of that idea. Alvina to call Carole.

Ginny suggested that we try to find a sponsor for the Legends dinner. She will investigate. She also talked about WSNJ doing a piece on our society when the time is right. Rachel approached Home Depot and found out that they do donate to non- profits.

It is time to investigate an attractive sign for our building.

Insurance review: The Renewal policy has been submitted by e-mail. We have to sign off on if we want the terrorism clause for an additional fee. Question asked, unanimously declined. Alvina will check with Ed Adams to see if he will still take care of this. \$1532.20. is the premium. No contents are insured. Not possible to insure artifacts. We could name Ed the insurance liaison if he agrees.

Rachel showed a sample of a monthly newsletter she needs input from each of us. There will be two e-mail groups just the members and another for members and friends for the newsletter. She would like to do a monthly update two weeks after each meeting.

Window dedication/ final payment to John Laws Open House: December 7, from 3-5pm. Discussed invitations (Rachel), Decorating, Alvina has Christmas Tree, need fresh greenery, and food requested cookies from members and will have punch, our Coffee and cider. Alvina will purchase paper goods from BJs. Will set a date to meet and decorate. Window plaques are \$23.00 each. \$10.00 shipping for all. That is well within the amount charged. They will need to need to be installed near the windows.

Dubois family pictures were discussed, they also had owned this building. We are finding out many things about people. Dick spoke about when Marie Cobb was beaten nearly to death by a young man Who robbed her. A very sad end to her life of service.

Meeting adjourned.

Alvina Baum,  
Recording Secretary