

## **The Port Norris Historical Society**

**Meeting: November 9, 2021**

**Members Present:** A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Lacotte, M.L. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith,

**Guests:** D. Fallows, E. Thompson.

**November Meeting:** The November, October Secretary's minutes, and November Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on November 8, 2021.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** Faye H. made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting, with a second by Gloria G. The minutes were unanimously approved by members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report available upon request

**Donations:** Donations of \$135.00 were received in memory of Norman Cobb.

**Correspondence:** Gloria G. sent one thank you notes for memorial

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Ginny C. reported a total of 73 members at present. There are new residents who have expressed an interest in joining our group.

**Collections:** No report

**New item:** Rachel was contacted by a lady, Boni Kane, from Alloway. She has an oak basket originally owned by the Schubert family who had a department store in Port Norris. Ms. Kane was told the basket was made by someone in Port Norris. Rachel will proceed with contacting Boni Kane.

**Welcome:** Faye stated she and Pat have not been out recently. The welcome bags need to be restocked.

**Nominations:** Chairperson Joyce M. presented the slate of officers for the 2022 year:

Officers and Trustees Terms Expired in 2021 /New Terms for Nominations

Rachel Cobb - President - 2022-2024

Mary Linda Lacotte- Assistant Secretary 2022 - 2024

Gloria Guidera - Corresponding Secretary -2020-2024

Alvina Baum - Trustee -2022-2024

Eileen Bernhardt - Trustee-2022-2024

Joyce Massey - Trustee-2022-2024

Ginny Campbell - Trustee 2022-2024

Standing Officers for 2021-2022

2021 Board

Richard Smith - Vice President - 2020 - 2022

Sam Ricci - Treasurer - 2022-2024

Elizabeth Hoffman - Co-Treasurer - 2020 - 2022

John Hickman - Trustee 2020 - 2022

Faye Hickman - Trustee - 2020 - 2022

There were no nominations made from the floor, however, nominations will be open for two weeks. Elections will take place at the December meeting.

**General Business:**

**Special Event:** Robin B., representing the Southwest Council Inc., presented information about the WISE program (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education). The program is provided for people ages 60 and above. Members decided to have Robin provide a daytime program on one of the topics after the holidays, at a date and time to be determined later.

**Alarm System** – Rachel and Dick have been on numerous calls with the alarm company regarding a window alarm with a low battery. Dick has made several trips to the building, also. If a technician is needed, we will be charged a service fee. It was suggested we purchase the new batteries and install them ourselves.

**Legends Awards:** Mary Linda L. reviewed the date, time, cost, and menu for the 2022 Legends Awards Lunch. She reported new letters with the revised date, etc. were mailed to the Awards recipients and their respective families. A Legends Committee meeting will be scheduled during the month of January with the NJ Motorsports Park representative. In response to a request to order additional plaques for family members, it was decided, prior to the November meeting, all Legends winners will receive ordering information to make individual purchases at the Legends lunch.

**December meeting Speaker:** Belinda Hall will be our guest speaker and will present her memories of growing up in Port Norris. The meeting will begin at 6:45pm, with refreshments to be provided.

**January meeting Speaker:** Barney Hollinger, Jr. will speak about growing up in Port Norris and the oyster business.

**Seed Swap:** Rachel suggested the second Seed Swap be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, with an inclement weather date of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. On her visit to Lancaster, she received a box of seeds from the Rohrer

Seed Company. Baker Creek also donated 40 – 50 seed packets. She will reach out to the Master Gardeners.

**Decorate for December** – Greens and wreaths will be put up early in December.

**Building:** Dick discussed masonry work needed to be done upstairs. He will proceed with obtaining quotes for spackling, etc.

**Comments:** A suggestion was made for the historical society to sponsor a Halloween Trunk or Treat event next year for the township children.

**Announcements: Commercial Township Activities/Events:**

**Ceremony at Veterans Park at 5:00 pm on November 11th.**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5th**

**House Decorating Contest Sponsored by the Recreation Committee – Information on Face Book**

**PNHS Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in person at the headquarters building on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

