

The Port Norris Historical Society

Monthly Meeting

December 10, 2024

Members Present: D. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Lacotte, M. L. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Lore, J. Maddox, J. Massey, D. Pettit, S. Ricci, P. Smith, RA. Smith.

Guest: Kaylynn Hyson

President Rachel Cobb welcomed guest, Kaylynn Hyson, an employee of Rutgers Cooperative Extension Services of Cumberland County, who will assist with coordination and planning of the PNHS Seed Swap with the Master Gardeners.

Rachel C. also expressed thanks and gratitude to Faye Hickman and Virginia Campbell for their time cleaning and decorating the building for the holiday meeting.

December Meeting: The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, commencing at 6:44 p.m., with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and with the Secretary being present. Refreshments were available to members prior to proceeding with the official meeting.

Review of Minutes: The November 2024 minutes and the agenda of the December 2024 meeting were emailed to members on December 9, 2024. Correction: Motion to approve the PNHS November 2024 minutes was seconded by John Hickman. A motion to approve the December 2024 minutes was made by Joyce Massey, seconded by Virginia Campbell and unanimously approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2024 Treasurer's report was emailed to the PNHS Board members on December 9, 2024. Mary Linda Lacotte motioned to accept the report, seconded by Pat Smith. The motion was approved by Board members present and will be filed for audit.

Announcements: Faye Hickman stated the wreath raffle raised \$1,210.00 for the Kenny Smith family, Port Norris residents, whose home was destroyed by a fire. The wreath, donated by Jeanie Mazzola, was won by Vicky Garrison. Faye added the members of the PNHS contributed \$315.00 toward the total monies raised.

Committee Reports: President Rachel C. dispensed with committee reports for the December 2024 meeting.

Nominations for PNHS Officers/ Trustees for 2025: Chairperson, Joyce M., read the slate of PNHS officers for the 2025-2027 term. As there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Virginia Campbell to approve the Slate of Officers and Trustees

of the Port Norris Historical Society. Seconded by Donna Pettit, the motion received a unanimous vote of approval, with the election results documented for the next two year term.

2025 Election Nominees

PNHS Officers: Two Year Terms

Vice-President – Joyce Massey

Treasurer – Faye Hickman

Co-Treasurer – Elizabeth Hoffman

Trustees:

John Hickman

Dean Berry

Sam Ricci

Robin Berry

John Maddox

Honorary Trustee: Dick Smith

Legends 2025: Mary Linda Lacotte, chairperson, announced the following nominees were accepted as the Port Norris Historical Society 2025 Legends:

Living Legends Nominees

Hattie Lewis

Meghan Wren*

Historical Nominee

A.J. Kelberg

21st Century Nominees

John Franklyn Hickman

Jeanne E. Lewis

Leon and Mary Carolyn “Pat” Robbins

2024 Rollover Nominees

Sheppard Lewis Lore

*Mary Linda Lacotte stated that Meghan Wren is a Living Legend, however, to accommodate her professional and personal obligations, Megan’s name will be rolled over to be recognized as a 2026 PNHS Legends.

Future Meeting Program: Rachel Cobb suggested having emergency rescue personnel, possibly paramedics discussing emergency procedures, as a program for one of our future meetings.

Seed Swap: President Rachel C. announced National Seed Swap Day is the last Saturday in January. The PNHS has scheduled it’s Seed Swap on Saturday, January 25, 2024, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Professional seed savers are expected to attend. Kaylynn Hyson provided highlights of the Master Gardeners and their availability to the public. A few members of the historical society were asked to assist with the day’s activities.

Building: Dick Smith is making inquiries to have the clocks in the building headquarters be repaired in working condition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting of the PNHS will be held on January 14, 205, at 6:30p.m

Special refreshments and friendship followed the meeting.

Mary Linda Lacotte,
Recording Secretary