

# The Port Norris Historical Society

## General Meeting

December 11, 2018

Attending: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci., R. Smith.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The name of Reverend Barnes was omitted from those in attendance at the November meeting. His name will be added to the attendance list. A motion to approve minutes as corrected was made by Dick S., seconded by Gloria G., and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Faye reviewed the receipts for the month of November. There being no questions, a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Joyce M., with a second by Sam R. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. A thank you was expressed to Faye for all her extra time and efforts, especially with the Legends Awards.

Donations: A donation from Donna Bailey was received in memory of her father's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Other donations John Lee and Joan Harper.

Correspondence: Alvina B. read a card that we received from Donna Bailey.

Food for thought – How many people have lived into their nineties and hundreds in Port Norris? Possible mini-roundtable discussion.

## Committee Reports:

Membership: Ginny C. stated that membership dues for 2019 will be collected beginning next month.

Collections: Nothing to report

Welcome Committee: Nothing to report

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Nothing to report

Cookbook: Rachel stated that Dr. Bill McAlonan, local veterinarian, has purchased an ad for the backcover of our cookbook. Pat Smith sold an ad and the Hoffman's bought one. A quarter page ad costs \$50.00. We have 72 pages at this point. We need a brief biography for Barbara Adams along with a couple of photos of her during her younger years. Eileen's husband is ill.

## General Business:

Elections: Joyce M., explained the two new trustees are for a one year term in order to comply with by-laws. She presented the following officers for the 2018 Election:

Vice President (2 yr. term) – Dick Smith; Treasurer (2 yr. term) – Faye Hickman; Trustees: Liz Hoffman (2 yr. term, replacing Rev. Barnes); John Hickman (2 yr. term); Sam Ricci (2 yr. term); New Trustees: Joyce Massey (1 yr. term); Gloria Guidera (1 yr. term).  
Honorary Trustee, Lifetime – Rev. Ernest Barnes.

Nominations were opened to the floor. There being no additional nominations, the slate of officers was accepted and approved by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dick S. and seconded by Joe L. to reimburse Rachel C. for the ink she uses. Rachel informed the members that postage stamps are increasing by 5 cents. A motion was made by Ginny C. and seconded by Gloria G. to purchase (4) rolls of 100 forever stamps in order to save money. Vote was unanimous; Faye is going to purchase stamps before the increase takes effect.

Adopt a Family – Ginny C. presented the idea and asked for suggestions of how to determine a family in need to receive the donations. Various groups and churches were discussed, with selection being the Inspira Family Success Center, at Haleyville/ Laurel Lake. A total of \$130.00 was collected from members present. Faye will deposit the money and a check for the donation was given to Ginny, who volunteered to contact the Inspira group and deliver the monetary donation. Rachel asked that we get a receipt for the donation. A possible suggestion for next year is to collect letters to Santa.

Veterans' Memorial Park – Dick reported on the progress of construction at the park. There is a wall built with lettering to be done later. The outer layer of bricks has been laid. One of the sand company's donated a large boulder; a sand company donated all of the sand to be use for the layment of the bricks. Dennisville Fence Company has donated a three-level split rail fence. The township has purchased 4500 blank bricks. Approximately 250 imprinted bricks have been sold. Rachel will put a copy of the order form in the newsletter. The six flagpoles (American flag and 5 branches of the armed services) are in place. The lighting has been done, just need to be connected. The handicapped

parking lot has been striped. Dick anticipates a dedication ceremony to take place sometime during the spring.

Plastic Bag collection - Our bench has come in; Bridgeton Trophy quoted a price of \$250.00 for a brass plaque for the bench. Rachel will inquire with the company she uses for the Legends plaques for a better price.

Soup Dinner Date – Dick S. stated March 2<sup>nd</sup> has been scheduled as the date for this year's Soup Dinner. He said tickets will be distributed at the January meeting.

Building – Dick S. received a quote of between \$400.00 - \$500.00 to install the bathroom floors. This does not include the cost of the materials which is approximately \$250.00. Dick has patched the holes in the wall. There is still an issue with security in window #8. Dick suggested we wait until the air conditioner is removed from the window to see if the issue is resolved. Batteries were dead in the thermostat for the heater.

Other Business comments and concerns:

The Legends Awards Luncheon for 2019 was discussed briefly. Liz Hoffman suggested we secure a date and place now. It was decided to return to the NJ Motorsports Park for another year. Mary Linda L. is to call Sarah Barker and reserve the first Saturday in November from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Attendance may be closer to 100 people next year; however, this number depends in part on the Legends selected.

East Point Lighthouse – Ginny C. brought an article from Portland Press. Rachel reported they are going to use Geo tubes to help with the erosion.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

A social time with holiday music and refreshments was enjoyed by the members.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary