

Port Norris Historical Society  
General Meeting  
December 13, 2016

Attending : A Baum, R. Berry , E. Bernhardt, G. Campbell, R, Cobb,F. Hickman, J, Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Massey, C. Robbins, J. Robbins, S. Ricci, D. Smith

Guests: Santa Claus (aka Norman Cobb), Brandon Berry & Lisa Kincaid

Our room had been nicely decorated for Christmas. Refreshments were shared. Following a fun Quiz on Port Norris prepared by Dick Smith and a jolly visit from Santa who gave us each an orange and a candy cane, Rachel Cobb, President, called the December meeting to order.

She showed us and was congratulated on a beautiful medal , Moonbeam Award, given to her for her part in publishing a children's book.

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed as e-mailed. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to approve by Joyce Massey, second by Liz Hoffman. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and Reviewed by Liz Hoffman. As of 11/30 16, includes Premium for the current insurance year to Mints Insurance Agency of \$1630.35. Also included a handout showing both expenses and profit for both the Chili/Soup and Legends dinners. With thanks for the work this entails, Dick Smith moved to approve. Joanne Hickman seconded. All were in favor.

Donations: \$100 from Donna Bailey in memory of her Dad on his birthday. Pat Moore donation and note, Holiday greetings from Printers of Place Mats. E-mail from Jessica Moore regarding her family referred to Eileen Berry.

Two additional sponsors for Chili / Soup Dinner and a donation of \$500 from Ethalinda Blackman. Ethalinda brought a beautiful child's crib and chair that had belonged to her great-grandfather Thomas Hand. They were from Port Norris and have now been returned.

On loan for Christmas were antique teddy bears from Dick Smith and a beautiful 1800's doll from Liz Hoffman.

Correspondence: Liz Hoffman shared several Port Norris related newspaper clipping that were given to her by Carol Rodgers. They had been collected by Carol's mother Verna Horseman.

Committee Reports:

Collections Committee : Robin and Rachel will meet on Wednesday next week with the goal of setting up the office equipment on the second floor.

Membership : Ginny Campbell reported 84 members at the end of 2016. New memberships are due as of January, 2017 . Discussed sending newsletters to members who are not on e-mail

Elections : Will be held at the January Meeting. In 2017 the nominations will be put forth in October so that they can be voted upon in December and officers will be installed or renewed in January.

Review of Legends Dinner:

Went more smoothly than ever. There were fewer legends . Some complaints regarding food were noted. Steak dinner was not well received. We will have to address this issue. Chinese auction does better than silent auction. Rachel asked about showing videos of family presentations.

Robin mentioned a Facebook site called Port Norris Black Print. Sparked a discussion regarding copyrights and permission to use information. Will look into the Facebook page. It is all in regard to life in Port Norris.

#### Chili/ Soup Dinner

Dean Berry has confirmed that the best date for the dinner is March 4<sup>th</sup> even though the Port Elizabeth Chicken Pot Pie dinner is that same date. Have a supply check and planning meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Rachel will have tickets printed prior to the next meeting. Change time to 4-6:30pm . Print 200 tickets. Dick has gotten 4 sponsors to date as well as the placemats. Signage at dinner and mention of special event sponsor on web site for a year. We are already \$1200 ahead of the game.

Pans for soup: After discussion it was decided to purchase stainless steel pans and see through lift up lids for serving the soups. Motion to purchase 7 of the pans including the frame for the sterno as well as hinged lids by Liz Hoffman ,second Joanne Hickman. Approved. Rachel will to order and have them delivered to her home.

Building Review / Special Meeting : Will decide the date at the January meeting . There will be more daylight in February for a total review of the building to establish a priority checklist.

Rachel discussed a new idea about making pictures of Port Norris History to display at Dino's Restaurant. Free Art for Walls with Logo. Web-Site. Patrons may notice it and perhaps do us some good. All were in favor. This is about the town and how it has changed over the years. Everyone think about what old pictures might be activity related to spark interest.

Race thru Time: Every other year. Nothing this year but in 2018 they are planning a scavenger hunt . If they need money, perhaps we would have to donate \$100.

Bay Day: Rachel is thinking about including the Holly Society in the Bay Day activities. Think about having our building open and inviting them here. First Saturday in June. . Figure out a gimmick to get people to come here.

Liz showed a variety of very nice glass sun catchers that were donated to us . We can sell and keep money. Can easily sell for \$10 or more. There are 16 of them. Sell at soup dinner .

Carole Robbins donated some things from a cousin who passed away. One of them is a microwave oven which was brought into the building.

Joanne Hickman announced that there is a need for coats and warm clothing for a nursing home. Bring to Joanne .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary