

The Port Norris Historical Society
Email Meeting December 16, 2020

Member Email Responses: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V.Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L.Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, M. Moore, D. Smith, P. Smith, R.Smith.

December Meeting: The December agenda, Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on December 16th.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the November email meeting were approved by the unanimous vote of members who replied by email.

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's report for the month of November was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R. and emailed to active members. Receipts in the amount of \$60.34 include \$60.32 from Amazon. Disbursements totaled \$281.43 including monthly utility bills (\$66.81), US Postal Service (\$50.00) and Bridgeton Plumbing (\$217.49). The Treasurer's report, as emailed, was approved by the unanimous vote of members.

Donations: Non-monetary: We received the original woodstove used at the Robbinstown School by an anonymous donation. Also, the family of Vivian Morris donated her Legends award (one of the original ones with the oyster shell) to us.

Committee Reports:

Membership: G. Campbell. Our membership has increased to 78 members. Ginny sent an email to remind all members the 2021 membership fees are due. All membership dues will be received via postal mail due to the Co-VID restrictions.

Collections – Pat S. Many items (books, pictures, uniforms, etc.,) have been received over the past months and each item will need to be reviewed by the committee once the building is opened to members.

General Business:

Legends Awards – Mary Linda L. The 2020 Legends Award honorees, Samuel Lake, Samuel Shinn, and Dr. Bradford were publicly presented on our PNHS website and Newsletter. A special thank you to Rachel C. for her hours of dedicated work to honor these individuals.

Nominations – Joyce M. Nominations for the 2021 slate of officers for the PNHS were presented in the December agenda. Being unable to meet in person, any additional nominations were to be emailed to Rachel Cobb. An email will be sent to active members after the Christmas holiday, asking for a vote by email. Nominations for the year 2021 are:

Richard Smith - Vice President

Sam Ricci - Treasurer.

Elizabeth Hoffman Co-Treasurer

Faye Hickman - Trustee

John Hickman - Trustee

Terms beginning January 1, 2021

Dehumidifer – Rachel expressed a need to purchase a dehumidifier for the building. Members were asked to volunteer to research information for this purchase to happen.

Insurance Inspection – Dick S. purchased and installed new smoke detectors for the downstairs rooms in order to comply with insurance regulations. Thank you to Dick.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

JANUARY 12TH MEETING 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Review of December meeting minutes: Mary Linda L.

Attached - Vote required

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ricci

Attached - Vote required

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Membership: Ginny C.

It is time to renew your membership. It is so important, that we continue to support all that we have worked for. See page 4 for a membership form. Please renew if you have not.

VOTING

Thank you everyone for voting for the slate of officers.

The Full Board is:

Officers

Rachel Cobb, President

Richard Smith, Vice-President

Alvina Baum, Secretary

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assist. Secretary

Sam Ricci, Treasurer

Elizabeth Hoffman, Co-Treasurer

Trustees

Eileen Bernhardt

Virginia Campbell

Gloria Guidera

Faye Hickman

John Hickman

Joyce Massey

Rev. E. Barnes, Lifetime Honorary Trustee

We lost 2 members. The emails were sent but I want to recognize Irene Green who was a Living Legend in 2019. Such a sweet person! And we just learned of John Lee. He lived in MD but was from Port Norris and has never forgotten his roots. Both will be missed!

INSPECTION

The insurance company conducted an inspection of our building as we mentioned in the December Agenda. The only thing they came back to us about was the openings around the base of the building. They would like us to find a solution to cover those up. I let insurance company know we had all ready had this on our short list and would follow through. I hope we can get back to some business this year as we do have many things that need attention.

SEED SWAP SEEDS

We can not have our seed swap this year. Bummer. A few people have asked if we were doing it and like I said NO. BUT I still have a tub full of seeds from last year. They will not keep for ever. I am hoping that early Feb like last year if weather is okay I could do a pop up table at the building and just give out the seeds we have. No event, nothing fancy just a table and seeds. Think that will be okay with everyone.

SOUP DINNER

In case you are wondering or anyone is asking we are holding off on the soup dinner for a little while. Instead of a March event we might try to do one late spring early summer. AND as a take out. This would have to be done very differently and it will be discussed well in advance. Very disappointing as this is our largest fundraiser. But Maybe in May or June, we will see.

Reminder Please. We really would like to encourage everyone who can to be active even though we can not meet in person. It's not fair for the same few to do all the work. We need research done on this dehumidifier. Not asking anyone to purchase it just to do the homework so we can discuss it. Much appreciated!

DEHUMIDIFIER

We need one! The building is too damp. It is not good for the building. We will have a quick discussion in the in-person building and report back. They are not expensive and the hardest part will be getting a drain outside. We should be looking at something energy efficient.

Has anyone had time to research this yet? If someone could, that would be helpful. Thank you!

PROJECTS

If anyone has been working on any of our other projects such as the Timeline please send me an update. I hope to get more organized myself in a couple weeks and get back to such projects. I have been working on Google docs and setting up that for us to use for business pieces of the society.

COLLECTIONS

We continue to have some new collectibles. Guess what we have! Thanks to Dick we now have the pot belly wood stove from the Robbinstown School! It is beautiful!!!!!!!!!!

Here are pictures of it in our building. Just a temporary location. But it is so nice, and complete!

We will be sharing more information about the school in our next newsletter. This is exciting!

If anyone has any information of this stove or old photos of it in the school, please share!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hope that you, your family and friends are well and staying safe, and that soon we will be able to gather in person for our regular meetings. I do miss seeing all of you and catching up on the latest local news.

In the meantime, I want to remind you that it's time to renew your membership.

Since we won't have an opportunity to "pay in person", please mail your checks to:

Port Norris Historical Society

POB 187

Port Norris, NJ 08349

OR on line at <http://historicportnorris.org/membership.htm>

General: \$10 Ind, \$15 Fam

Benefactor \$30 Ind. \$35 Fam.

Patron. \$50 Ind. \$55 Fam.

My wish for the New Year is a speedy end to Covid 19!

Ginny, Membership Chair

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