

The Port Norris Historical Society
December 9, 2014
General Meeting

Attending: A. Baum, R. Cobb, F. Donohue , G. Guidera, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Massey, P. Moore, C. Ore, S. Ricci, C. Robbins, J. Robbins, R. Smith

The meeting was called to order by Rachel Cobb.

Minutes of November meeting were approved as e-mailed. Hard copy to Joanne Hickman.
Motion to approve by Pat Moore, 2nd Frank Donohue .

Treasurer's Report by Liz Hoffman . Distributed to members. \$264. 00 to Ed Horseman for the custom cabinet covering the electrical panel. Motion made to approve by Gloria Guidera with a second by Frank Donohue. Approved. Copy of complete report attached to original minutes.

Correspondence/Donations: Two significant donations were recently received. Alvina read letter from Doris Danna which accompanied \$1000.00 check. Another letter from Donna Bailey with a donation which brings her total for 2014 to \$600 in memory of several members of her family. Thank you notes to be sent to these people. Thank you notes from Robbinstown Library for WWII book and from Ed and Betty Horseman for honoring Ed at the Legends Dinner.

Donation by Ethalinda Blackman of Certificate issued to her grandfather, Thomas Hand. It relates to our building through the GAR.

Review of Christmas Open House for Donors of Windows went very well. The high light was the paying of the final \$500 for the building to John & Janice Laws. The final check was donated by Jim and Carole Robbins. We are now mortgage free. The front room will now be called the Cobb Room. Plaques to be designed by Rachel and then approved by Carole Robbins.

Discussed Baileytown meeting at length.

Dallas Ferry meeting summary: There has been a grant to investigate the "battle of Dallas Landing". Lots of aspects to this grant. It is the area of "Peak of the Moon". They will be looking for any evidence of that action in the area. The research is in the very beginning stages.

Cathy Ore, spoke about the educational aspect of the project and getting the Port Norris school involved. If this is, in fact, declared a Revolutionary Site, our Historical Society would be included in the "revolutionary trail" which may become a tourist site.

Membership: Ginny Campbell was ill but submitted a membership letter for approval. Great letter. Approved by all.

Cookbook: Eileen Bernhardt absent – no report.
Collections committee: Robin Berry absent –no report.

General business:

Rachel has been asked to recite her original version of "Twas The Night Before Christmas" again this year. She has a version using names from our Legends dinner and places around town. Rachel D. has asked us to be part of second Friday in December each year. Carole Robbins recalled having Christmas

with Santa coming to the parking lot by the firehouse here. Candy from Weber's and small toys were prized by the children.

Monthly Newsletter: the first edition was sent and the next will try to focus on January speakers meeting. Decided to wait for next year to make a more timely appeal for membership and funds.

Suggestion by Frank Donohue to come up with a master plan so that we know what the goals and objectives are and coordinate those things with fund raising. Agreed that this is a good idea.

January Speakers

Drew Tomlin will speak about the shipbuilding business here in Port Norris as well as the Steamboats that plied the Maurice River. Dick Smith will speak about Thomas Hand and the Betsy Ross House Certificate. It was suggested that Barney Hollinger be the third speaker. Rachel will ask him. Pat Bradway has 10 chairs identical to ours that we can borrow at any time. Coffee, tea and cookies to be provided.

Building Review: We need to prioritize a wish list of the needs for asking for grants and we need to research more areas of available grants. 1772 Historic Trust will not help with electric but they will help with Security. Bayshore has had some losses, particularly a pocket watch. We need to be aware of security for our artifacts. Again, our greatest need is for a Master Plan. Dick suggested a meeting just for a master plan.

Dick had an article regarding the first store that was opened in the downstairs part of this building.

Date for Soup & Chili Dinner check with Dean Berry. Suggested March 7th & 14th.
Discuss various aspects of dinner. Date to be finalized. By donation only.
Must keep track of all tickets. Rachel will work on tickets.

Liz Hoffman's doctor, Dr. DiMaio has offered to frame 10 old pictures for us. Dick has lots of pictures, Liz will choose and take them to him. Very generous offer.

Discussed archival framing.

Gayle Penven's church donates money to causes. They will give us \$250.00. We would have to identify the need and be willing to work on the project.

Cook books: Barbara Adams has offered a cookbook that has been put together but was never published. We are looking at doing a series of smaller cookbooks. Also, Gloria Guidera has a cookbook that she would like to speak to Eileen about.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary.