

Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
February 10, 2015

Attending: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Donohue, G. Guidera, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, P. Moore, R. Smith, C. Table.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb. Introduction of new member Carol Table.

Minutes of January 13th as e-mailed, motion to approve by Gloria Guidera, second by Ginny Campbell . Approved .

Notes of January 22nd special meeting shared with group.

- Joyce Massey voted as Chair of Nominations Committee
- Second signer Sam Ricci for checks along with Dick Smith and Joanne Hickman- resolution prepared for bank.
- Churches (storytelling) Meeting at Bayshore, Joint undertaking, our focus will be Port Norris churches. Joyce will look into the history of St Anthony's.
- Comment – around 1920, the women from the churches in PN got together to close the legal sales of alcohol. Made it a DRY township.
- Several from PNHS will try to attend on February 28th from 2-4pm.
- Soup/Chili dinner plans are in the works. Dick Smith, coordinator.
Rachel will be in San Diego from 1/29 to 2/6.

Treasurer's Report

Liz Hoffman presented, discussed the low gas bill, probably estimated.

Motion to approve by Dick Smith, second Pat Moore, report accepted. Report on file with original minutes.

Dick Smith remarked that Liz deserves a lot of credit for a time consuming job well done. Appreciated by committee.

Gift of pictures from Liz's Doctor Frank DeMaio. They are stunningly done in black and white. One is a duplicate but Rachel has a friend , Bob Spence, will reframe the racetrack print as a favor. Note of thanks to be sent to Dr. DeMaio. Liz brought bubble wrap to make sure the pictures are safe until ready for display.

Donation of a book about a murder in Port Norris and finally another monetary donation by Donna Bailey in memory of her brother Craig Bailey.

Dick Smith's brother Dave has donated a number of decoratively wood burned carving boards for sale at our dinners and other functions. Signage to read: All proceeds for the society. Note of thanks sent to Dave.

Correspondence: All invited to an open house to celebrate Rachel's dad Norman Cobb's 80th birthday March 1, 1:30 to 4 pm at her sister's home in Bridgeton. RSVP to Rachel if you plan to go.

Membership: Ginny Campbell reports 45 at present waiting for more renewals. Lifetime memberships for Legends in the past being sent by Ginny.

Facebook likes: We have gotten 400 likes so far, thinking of awarding a 1year Membership for the 500 like.

Cookbook Meeting: Eileen and Gloria set a meeting for Wednesday 18th at 11am at the building. Target date for completion, by Bay Day.

Collections committee : At present it has been decided to simply keep up deed of gift for new donation. There is so much going on at present that this committee Will just be on hold for awhile. Perhaps try to get the things out of Ed Adams pole building in the spring. Need to get file cabinets out of library. Frank Donohue and Dick will take care of this. Glass display cabinet has been returned to us from Bayshore. They have an additional cabinet that they are presently using that it should be returned for us if for any reason they no longer need it.

Newsletter:

Suggestion keeping the newsletter shorter with one focus and items of special interest .

Write up story of the money in the closet for February. Dick will continue to hold on to the box. Need other items from other members.

Soup Dinner-

Dick requested one more meeting just prior to dinner to finalize plans.

He offered a sheet listing the various kinds of soups that have been promised. Good variety available. Discussed salads and desserts. Alvina will also bring a large bag of plate ready romaine. All money is due by the final meeting. Suggested a 6pm start on March 10th. Ginny and Joanne to purchase the take out supplies. We need 20 table covers , also additional ladles. Check with each other about the numbers purchased. Drew Tomlin donated a handcrafted lighthouse for raffle. 50/50 will be held. Check about two different colors of tickets.

Other business:

Dick and Charlie Moore have taken the old water pipes out of the building along with the tub and the sink. Thank you note to Charlie Moore. He is a very handy guy and is willing to help when he can.

Ron De Hainaut helped Dick to get the ceiling lights working except for one that needs a switch.

Road cleanup: Dick got another permit for a road cleanup and one for the senior center in the spring. These combined will bring \$1000.

Jud Moore purchased two tickets for the dinner and donated the additional \$226.00 to the society.

Gail Penven's church does outreach and said they would donate \$250 for paint. Dick has been keeping in touch with her since they grew up together and she recently unexpectedly lost her husband.

Pat Smith is willing to help to take items from the yard sale to the U-Sell Flea Market to try to sell things there. Rachel's Mom may have more small items for us. Good Idea, we will try. Several offered to help.

Grants: SJI grant was submitted by e-mail. We did not have to be specific about our requests. We requested \$5000 for interior repairs .

1772 : Note sent to Cathy Goulet about suggestions for this year's application.

Application due April 1, 2015. Decisions to make. Discussed an online Funding site. Google for fraud. Also discussed "Go Fund Me Sites" on line. Rachel will outline for us.

Master Plan: Frank Donohue has been working on the plan. He has done extensive work garnering information from past meeting minutes. Need a date prior to the 20th for a meeting dealing only with the plan. Feb 18 at 12:30 pm for Frank, Dick, Jim Robbins, Alvina & Rachel

Growth areas for aspects of Web-sites. Rachel presented her plans to expand the web-site in many areas including the then and now areas on Main Street. She will need input from everyone in the committee. It is a large project and will tie together as time progresses. Everything will tie together. See more.....
Sharing information with Bayshore is a plus. Carole and Jim Robbins have already done work on businesses in town for Bayshore. Rachel will get in touch with Carole to see what they have already done. Rachel will do an outline to have people sign up for help in one area or another.

Accomplishments over the last year have not been published and that needs to be done. We have accomplished a great deal. It was noted that everyone in the society cares a great deal about our mission and that is why so much has gotten done.

Review coloring book worked on by Rachel's friend.

Add building budget to agenda for March agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Dick Smith, second by Gloria Guidera . Adjourned. 9pm

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary