

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting

February 13, 2018

Attending: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Lacotte, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, D. Smith, P. Smith.

Meeting called to order by Dick Smith, Vice-President, in Rachel Cobb's absence.

Review of Meeting Minutes: In the Ad Hoc committee listings, Gloria Guidera's name was omitted from the Cookbook committee. Also omitted, was the Membership Committee and Chairperson Ginny Campbell needs to be listed. A motion to approve as amended was made by Alvina B., 2nd by Robin B. All in favor – Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Hoffman, Treasurer, reviewed the copy of the January report. Liz received written notification of another merger of Ocean's First Bank, effective March 1, 2018. The bank has changed our checking account to a Business Interest checking account. This new account will be charged a fee of 20 cents for any transactions which exceed the allowed monthly total of 25 transactions. Liz stated that we are checking free, and a non-profit. She will notify the bank that our members are in agreement to not change from our existing account to the suggested business account. There being no questions or further comments regarding the report, a motion to approve by Joe L., 2nd by Joyce M. All in favor - Approved.

Donations: Dick S. reported that the PNHS received a grant donation of \$250.00 from Thrivent Financial, Redeemer Lutheran Church of Vineland through member Gail Penven. The grant monies may be used for supplies or whatever we deem pertinent with no specific time frame designated. Gail must be present when a purchase is made as it is in the form of a credit card.

Correspondence: Alvina shared a hand created Christmas Card from artist, Pat, and Gordon Moore. In addition, she reported that we received \$10.00 dues from Barbara Scudder on February 2nd. Alvina read a letter she received through an e-mail from Carol Gromer, daughter of Ruth Saul, concerning the plowing of grave sites into the marsh at the Dickenson Sheppard Cemetery on Newport Landing Road during the 1950s. She was asking if we had any organizations or connections that would be able to provide any additional information. Through discussion it was decided to send a copy of the letter to John Laws of the Dividing Creek Historical Society.

Committee Reports:

Collections: Dick S. reported he has received four paintings of polar bears from Stu Polhamus, whose mother was friendly with Chili McConnell. Robin will take care of necessary paperwork for the donations.

Membership: Ginny Campbell left a note stating our current membership total for 2018 is 57 members.

Cookbook: Nothing to report at this time.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: In the absence of Sam Ricci, Dick S. read his report to the members stating in January, the

Chamber held a pizza meeting at PN Fire House in the hopes of gaining new members. Bob Campbell, Mayor of Downe Township, attended as an observer. They are contacting sponsors for signs. Dino's does not want to sponsor. Liz H. said money has been paid already for our sign and questioned if a membership fee should be paid. Someone will be contacted to see if it is an annual or one time fee. The Rotary Walkathon is cancelled as they are not able to use the Bayshore facilities and it is costly. Alternate fundraisers are needed; support of new fundraisers will be requested when necessary. Fireworks will be held this year.

Welcome Committee: Nothing to report

General Business:

Ad-Hoc Committee for By-Laws Review and Revision: Gloria Guidera, who was absent, was suggested as a possibility.

Mauricetown December House Tour Recap: Dick S. reported the Mauricetown Historical Society is exploring the possibility of scheduling the house tour every other year, corresponding with Dennisville.

Watermens' Memorial Meeting: Rachel, Liz, Alvina and Ginny attended the meeting held on January 24th. Jacquelyn McBride was absent due to illness. A letter of resignation was submitted by the PNHS and the Bayshore. If Bayshore pulls out, we lose the non-profit corporation status. If there is no non-profit, then all money is to be withdrawn by the end of June. The money will be put into an account to be used for the bell or distributed as 5013C. We will not be raising money for the two sculptures. However, we will definitely be working together and proceeding to finalize the bell project. The bell will be mounted on the Sampson Post, which

was reconstructed / reworked by a shipbuilder. Names of the deceased watermen will be placed on a storyboard. Bay Shore is working on plans for a Dedication during Bay Day. People visiting the site on Bay Day will be able to ring the bell in memory of their deceased watermen.

Soup / Chili Dinner: Dick S. reported we now have 7 sponsors for the dinner. If all tickets are sold we should clear \$4,000.00 profit. A meeting was held at 6:00pm, prior to the PNHS general meeting. Last minute plans and details were discussed at that meeting.

Building: Dick S. had no additional information regarding the bathroom remodeling.

Fire Extinguishers / Smoke Detectors – Dick S. reported all are installed as required by the insurance company.

Township Leaf Clean-up - Old Robbinstown School / Library: We can receive \$500 for participating in the clean-up. A tentative date will be determined.

2018 Legends Dinner – Members present decided on Saturday, November 3rd in the afternoon at the New Jersey Motor Sports Club. A meeting will be planned to meet with Tabatha Carr to finalize plans and lock in the date.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alvina B. 2nd by Eileen B. to adjourn the meeting.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary