

Port Norris Historical Society  
Regular Meeting  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

In Attendance: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, Faye & John Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, S. Ricci, C & J Robbins, R. Smith

Following a Valentine's Round Table, meeting was called to order by Rachel Cobb, President.

Review of minutes: The statement about Faye Hickman was incorrect. Faye was not asked about helping the Treasurer but was asked to be the Insurance liaison. Minutes will be corrected. Motion to approve as corrected by Gloria Guidera. Second by Jim Robbins. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Copies were given to members and reviewed by Liz Hoffman. Copy of report on file. Motion to accept by Dick Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Ricci. Approved.

Budget for 2017 presented, discussed and approved. Motion Gloria Guidera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faye Hickman.

Note and Thank you cards. Prices are cheaper when you buy a greater number. Rachel can do more than one image. 27 are needed for Chili Dinner. According to the price, Rachel will purchase the most reasonable number. Motion to okay by Ginny Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Hickman. Approved.

Correspondence: Note from Barbara Scudder saying she enjoys the newsletters very much. Donations: For the Chili Dinner, sponsor sign was donated by AccuPrint as well as clams and clam chowder from Surfside.

The new compilation newsletter is done and was passed around for review. This is for donating to new members and members without email. Also can be used in other ways to introduce us to new groups where we have contact and can be for sale.

We have sent a letter to the woman who is Alex Ogden's caregiver. He is now in a nursing home in Cape May Court House unable to walk. She was reminded that Alex has promised some of Louise's papers to us. We have not yet had a response.

Collections Committee: Robin Berry has started listing and Rachel has photographed most of the things on a five page documentation of things in the building donated by Dick Smith. They have made a good start on documenting the artifacts that we have/  
Cindy Tawes donated a hat that was found in the Library. It has a truant officer badge and probably belonged to Tommy McAllister from the 1950s. Robin to send the Library a deed of gift. Cindy Collingwood donated a photo of an oyster boat crew. If anyone can identify the men, let us know.

Robin saw someone on FB who wanted to nominate a Legend and will try to contact that person again.

Membership report by Ginny Campbell: We have a total of 79 members (regular and honorary). Newly added : Fred Hickman, Jim & Kathleen McLean and Mike Gollo for a total of 82. Thanks to Ginny for keeping up with membership while caring for her mother.

New e-mail account in gmail which gives access to google .docs for those who do not have Word. Collections will be done in Google and anyone can access it. Rachel is still working on it.

Insurance: Faye Hickman was asked informally after the last meeting if she would be the insurance liaison and custodian of the policy. She has agreed. We need to make it official . Dick Smith moved to accept Liz Hoffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. She will review current policy. It will be kept in the safe.

Safe: Locksmith Ron Tomlin came and checked out the safe. He was able to discern the combination and then John Hickman was able to adjust the door so it will close. We now have an antique safe in working order. Thanks to Dick and John for making this happen. Dick was able to lower the price and needs to be reimbursed. Motion by Robin Berry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ginny Campbell. Approved.

Millville High School Playbill Ad: Alvina moved that we place a business card ad in the “ Wizard of Oz” playbill. Reaches over 1000 people during the three nights in April. Cost is \$25. Liz Hoffman 2<sup>nd</sup> . Approved. Rachel will rework the card for a better visual.

Gannett Grant is ready to go as soon as required 2017 budget is retyped. Will be mailed tomorrow.

By-Laws amendment needed: Anti-Discrimination Statement must be added to our by-laws in order to qualify for many corporate grants. Rachel has the appropriate wording. It will be added and then approved by the membership. All trustees must sign again the amended copy. Will address again at the March meeting. Alvina will continue to check out a grant writing course from CCC.

Chili Dinner final arrangements: Meet at the Fire House on Friday from 9-11am to wash new pans and set up sterno stations. Bring soups on Friday. Will set up tables at 1pm Saturday. Check on 50-50 tickets. We have. There will be enough salads and desserts. Faye will do potato pieces for the clam chowder. She has a dicer.

Assignments for Saturday made. Everyone knows what they have to do. Plans are refined each year. Dick will provide tickets for take outs. Rachel will do centerpieces and tip containers for the young people who clear and reset the tables.

Legends Dinner: Due to the closing of Runaway Chefs, we need to find a new venue. Liz made inquiries in the area and Ramada Inn was decided upon. \$500 deposit made for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Three selections were chosen from the menu. Rachel, Liz and Alvina will go and check out the logistics of the room.

Alvina will notify the Millville Woman's Club that we will not be coming back this year.

Community Involvement: Rachel has met with Cindy Tawes and she is anxious to partner with us both at the Senior Center and the library. Rachel proposed the scarecrow contest for the month of October with each group making a weather proof life size scarecrow to be hung from the lampposts in town. Might get us some press. Also, perhaps the seniors can come to our building for a field trip. All agreed to move forward with this fun idea. Rachel will speak to the Seniors on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming meetings: March 25<sup>th</sup> Story telling - Waterman's memorial stories is a possibility. We decided not to participate but members can attend if they choose.

Heritage Day – August 19<sup>th</sup> We could sell things on that day. Agreed do that.

Bay Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rachel is excited to have The Holly Society visiting on that weekend. She would like to have our building open for them to visit on that day. They will be doing a sail on the Meerwald. Discuss further at subsequent meetings.

Report on Building Meeting:

Mike Vizzard has submitted a bid for wiring, ceiling lights & 2 Exit lights. Full estimate is \$4800. (With ceiling removed) Deduct \$900 without lights for a total \$3900. Discussed the need for another estimate but decided to stay with Mike's estimate.

Guy Chamberlain can move the furnace for about \$600.

Hoover Garrison can do a shallow well for \$1200.

Gayle Penven can get another \$250 from her church for materials. She must accompany whoever buys the items.

Rachel recapped what is proposed for the first floor and ADA bathroom.

Motion made by Gloria and seconded by Joanne to proceed with renovations on the first floor as proposed. Start as soon as possible following Bay Day and the June meeting. There is no July meeting. Do the back rooms first so that we can move things from the front to the back.

The money will come from the Capital Fund. Then we need to continue to work on Grants as the work progresses. Motion to proceed using Capital funds by Gloria Guidera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Hickman. Approved.

Waterman's Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned

Alvina Baum, Secretary