

Port Norris Historical Society

Minutes to meeting of February 8, 2011

Location: 1727 Main St

Officers present: President Liz Hoffman, Vice President Dom Capaldi, Treasurer Joanne Hickman

Officers absent: Secretary Donna Moore (minutes taken by Steve Moore)

Trustees present: Ed Adams, Alvina Baum, Rachel Cobb, Steve Moore, Richard Smith

Meeting called to order at 7PM by President Liz Hoffman.

Liz announced that 2011 dues are due.

Old Business

The November Legends of Port Norris Dinner

- many complaints about the quality of the meals at the Charlesworth.
- will seek different venue for this years' event
 - possibly shipping sheds, if completed
- Alvina Baum suggested letting the Charlesworth know of the complaints.

Treasurer's Report:

Legends of Port Norris Dinner

Profit of \$302.99 on \$2560.00 collected

Account balance: \$3,027.24

New Business

Membership Drive

- Liz discussed the need to boost membership
- Alvina Baum suggested sending letters to attendees of Legends Dinner inviting them to join
- Liz talked about giving away commemorative wooden nickels for joining

Gibson Donation

- Liz announced that the Gibson family donated items to the PNHS, including old maps, flags, newspaper articles, and a Berrytown Farm sign. Liz is storing these items.

Fundraiser Ideas

- Richard Smith suggested a group yard sale.
 - members suggested doing this on Bay Day, or as part of Rita Hoffman's corner yard sale, or as part of the Robbinstown Library book sale
- Jan Capaldi suggest E-Bay auctions

- Richard Smith reintroduced the Commemorative Plate idea
 - to commemorate 200th anniversary of Port Norris
- Liz Hoffman reintroduced the Coffee Jones idea
 - having commemorative bags of coffee made to sell at Bay Day
- Steve Moore suggested an oyster stew sale, making a sample for the group
 - he got a price list from Harbor House, stew oyster for \$24/qt or \$70/gallon
 - the group discussed logistics:
 - cooking at the fire hall
 - cooking with a ratio of one cup of oysters to one cup of cream and one cup of milk (two cups liquid to one cup Oysters)
 - selling by the pint: \$10, or by the quart: \$20
 - these prices represent a 100% markup on cost of materials. We could double our money.
 - Richard Smith recommended getting a committee together to do this project. He would discuss with Steve later.

Historical Society Brochure

- Joann Hickman recommended a flier or brochure be created to give away at events such as Bay Days.
 - the group agreed this was great idea
- Steve Moore mentioned the trifold fliers he did for Dona's election campaign
 - Phoenix Printing in Vineland does slick color fliers at reasonable prices
- Rachel Cobb recommended the flier include a clip-out membership form that someone could mail in

PNHS Presentation

- Steve Moore talked the need for the Society to have a professional looking presentation for events such as Bay Days
 - he talked about a kiosk he had seen promoting the Renaissance Center in Millville, and could we do something that was within a reasonable budget
- Rachel Cobb has experience with such things and said she would send ideas for presentations

Display Cabinet at Township Hall

- Ed Adams was looking to replace the Society's display cabinet with a nicer one he saw at a Bob Brooks auction, if the price was reasonable
- Ed and Richard Smith were looking to update the display and were trying to agree on a theme

Registering Historic Homes

- Kathy Orr said that not one home in Port Norris was registered as historic.
 - She feared that without these designations, the older structures could be demolished by developers
 - She suggested sending letters to owners of historic homes urging them to register their homes
- Mr. Burt said this would need to be researched first
 - he said people may not welcome such news and feel that the Society was trying to tell them what they could or could not do with their property
- Jan Capaldi said that while the State Historic Registrar offers legally protects historical properties,, there's a County Registrar that recognizes without the legal protection.
- Rachel Cobb suggested the society create a local registry, a non-binding designation that simply recognizes a site as historic.

Meeting Adjourned