

The Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
February 9, 2016

In attendance: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, Faye & John Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Massey, P. Moore, Carole & Jim Robbins, Dick & Pat Smith. Guest: Steve Schavelin from Frank Burton Plumbing. They are willing to donate powder room fixtures when the time comes.

Following an interesting history of Joyce Del Rossi -Massey's family, the meeting was called to order by president, Rachel Cobb.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were reviewed as e-mailed. Motion by Dick Smith, 2nd by Gloria Guidera. Approved.

Treasurer's Report : Reviewed by Liz Hoffman. There were no questions. Motion to approve by Ginny Campbell, 2nd by Eileen Bernhardt. All were in favor.

A bill for website renewal was submitted. Liz shared a rough draft of the budget and will have a meeting of the finance committee as soon as practical.

John Lee of Cambridge, MD, sent a benefactor membership and a donation.

Donna Bailey has also sent a check for \$100 in memory of her brother Craig Bailey.

A tall clock has been donated to us by the Port Norris Methodist Church. The church has received a generous donation from Mr John Lee, formerly of Port Norris. They will be replacing their main doors with glass doors so the clock can no longer be in their foyer. The clock is dated 1918 and was purchased in memory of a soldier, Sgt. Joseph C. Rowley, who was killed in WWI. His Sunday School Class, taught by Mrs. Linda Hand, raised the money to purchase the clock. Dick Smith has asked Walt Rudolf to look at it to see if it can be restored to working order.

Ed Adams donated a display case that Dick Smith cleaned up and added a strong glass top.

Correspondence from Stephanie Flores . She was called to clean out another house of a related family and has found more material from Port Norris. She is as excited as we are about the relationship with Port Norris Historical Society. Rachel Cobb would like to try to meet her when she goes to California again. The name this time is Betty Shropshire. Pictures that Rachel has on her computer were shared. One of them was of the Haleyville Baseball team. We too are very excited about this connection with Port Norris people who relocated to California. Rachel suggested that we make a certificate for her making her an honorary West Coast member and star contributor to PNHS. Dick has found some Shropshires in old tax books. Someone from that family used the second floor of our building .

Collections: Robin Berry is able to be with us tonight. She has sent notes and Deed of Gift papers to several contributors. Bayshore Center at Bivalve has more than enough fish net needles and shared a set with us. They were on display during the meeting. They were donated by a family in Alloway but are from Cumberland County.

Harvey Porch photos: CCHS purchased for \$\$\$\$ the glass images. Linda Jones, president of Cumberland County, has offered us the digital images for \$2.00 each just to have them. They cannot be used for anything that we sell at the present time. The CCHS is changing their policy regarding historical photos and the price will definitely go up .
Motion by Gloria Guidera, 2nd by Joyce Massey. Approved.

Membership: Ginny reported that membership is up to 56. Notice of the meeting was in the Reminder this week .Ginny arranged. She is also concerned about the handful of members that do not get e-mail. Suggestion that an abbreviated newsletter or pickins and information sheet be mailed to those members perhaps quarterly.

Mugs are all gone. Rachel proposed that we purchase more mugs. She has looked into the details. Suggested that 72 are cheaper per. Motion to purchase by Dick Smith, 2nd approved. They will be ready for Soup Dinner.

Discussed a post card on e-bay taken by Carole Robbins grandfather, Samuel Cobb, just sold for \$175 . Carole has some at her home.

Race through Time Dates: Discussed and chose the third Sunday in July (17th) from 1-4pm and Saturday August 20th (Heritage Day at Bayshore). All day. Will need to schedule volunteer hours.

Liz & Alvina will attend the organizational meeting February 27th in Vineland.

Storytelling at Bayshore: Will be March 12th. Theme: Remembering daily life in the villages. They need snacks and attendees. We are co-sponsoring.

Soup & Chili dinner: Final date for ticket money is February 25th. Soups & desserts to be at the Fire House by 12 noon on Saturday. Large pans are provided for those who are making salad. Discussed final plans. Note: Be sure to count Take Outs and Walk ins. Also, put oyster stew at the end of the line. Purchase more oysters to make more stew. Purchase approved.

Watermans' Memorial: Presented the dilemma regarding two concepts of the tower for the bell. Voted to go with original plan of Deborah Waddington Smith. Motion by Gloria Guidera , second by Pat Moore.

Building: Deferred to another meeting. Perhaps a meeting just to discuss how we are going into the future.

Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved. Alvina Baum, Secretary