

Port Norris Historical Society
March 13, 2012

The March meeting was held on the second floor of the Robbinstown Library. Cindy Tawes, Librarian, welcomed us to the facility and told us of an upcoming Summer Poetry Contest for both adults and children. The focus will be ancestry. We are welcome to meet here. It is a comfortable place and Rachel was happy that it has Wi-Fi. Present: E.& K. Adams, Rev. Barnes A. Baum, R.Cobb, J&K Graves, J. Hickman, L.Hoffman and R.Smith.

VP Rachel Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:15. as President Dom Capaldi was unable to attend.

Ed & Kelli Adams needed to leave early so were placed first on the agenda.

Motion passed to allow Ed Adams to reorder scrapbooks as necessary without coming to the board each time. They are selling extremely well.

Thanks to both Ed Adams for his idea and Richard Smith for his diligence in selling the books. More than 100 copies of each book have been sold.

The last copy of the second book was sold at the meeting. Dick will place another order.

Also, a motion was made by Rachel and seconded by Liz Hoffman for Ed to look into the Blizzard house as a possible building for the Society. It was further suggested that Rachel contact Steve Moore to see if copies of the Lena Hanby CD could be available for sale.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved . Motion: R. Smith Second Rev. Barnes Treasurer, Joanne Hickman, provided a copy of her report to be filed with the minutes. Approved. Balances are Checking \$6235.01 Capital Funds \$1662.66 Joanne asked that we check the by-laws to ascertain the distribution of funds should we cease to be a functioning Society. She suggested that we include the Commercial Township Senior Center. Liz Hoffman questioned who had the keys to the P.O. Box. She also agreed to look up the Standing Rules and by-laws for discussion in April.

New members: R. Smith presented a new member enrollment from Sara Robbins Hoffman in Phoenix, AZ. Ed and Kathy Graves joined us with an interest in becoming members.

Old Business:

Building Committee- No Report

Scrapbook #2- All 100 copies have been sold. Reordering both Books.

Criteria for Legends of Port Norris. Dick Smith will develop and present to the April meeting.

Church Histories- Nothing additional

New Business:

Meeting Place- It was agreed that the Library is a good and suitable place to meet and keep our files. We acknowledge the need to have the meetings elsewhere if we have special activities. We have been invited to meet at Bayshore Discoveries when appropriate .

File Cabinets- 2 drawer already in place with items inside. Liz Hoffman is storing another 4 drawer cabinet. Will it fit anywhere? Joanne will check into folders. Do we have keys for the cabinets?

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Web-Site- Many ideas were suggested to update the web-site . Rachel is very willing to work on it. She feels that Pay-Pal would be a good addition for memberships, etc.

Fundraising Suggestions- R. Smith will check to see if there are still funds for Clean-up Days. Joanne Hickman suggested she would check with an informal music group to see about a fundraising evening.

Ed & Kathy Graves had questions about the boarded up houses in town. They have purchased the Ratie Robbins House. We discussed the Historic Town with them.

Waterman Monument was discussed. The idea has not been forgotten. Agreed that PNHS cannot focus on building and monument at the same time. Rachel has some connections with sculptors and will check with them about suitable materials. Agreed that oysters, crabs and fish and all attractions of the Bay should be featured in some way on the base.

Ed Graves volunteered his services to the building committee as a woodworker and mason. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 10th at 7:15pm at the Library.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary

*Note: Rachel Cobb will have an artist reception and display of her work at Gallery 50 in Bridgeton on Friday, April 6th. The display will run from April 4th – 27th Hours are Wed-Sat. 11a- 4p.