

The Port Norris Historical Society

March 14, 2017

Attending: E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, Faye & John Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman J. Massey, S. Ricci, J. Robbins, Dick & Pat Smith. Guest: Meghan Wren.

Rachel Cobb is on a coast to coast trip.

Meeting was called to order by Dick Smith, VP

Minutes as e-mailed. Motion to approve by Joyce Massey, 2nd by Jim Robbins,

Treasurer's Report. Liz Hoffman presented the complete Treasurer's Report for the month of February. She reviewed item by item. Motion to approve by Eileen Bernhardt, 2nd by Sam Ricci. Approved. Thanks Liz for all the work.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the Mauricetown Historical Society inviting us to a social evening including dinner on Tuesday the 18th of April at their building. Sign up if you are going to attend. Alvina will notify Nancy Albertson of the number attending.

Thank you and note cards have arrived as ordered. Everyone helping with the chili dinner in any way (except for our committee) were sent thank you notes for their contribution.

Since both John and Gloria Guidera were members of our Society, we would like to make a generous donation in John's memory to the charity of his choice.

Motion to approve this action by Faye Hickman, 2nd by Eileen Bernhardt.

We will also send a sympathy card to Meghan Wren on the loss of her Father.

Louise Ogden Artifacts & Books: A card has been sent to Alex Ogden wishing him well and his caretaker has been notified that we have been promised several things.

Committees: No Reports.

Grants: Have applied for grants from SJI and Gannett. No response at this time.

Chili Dinner: Report has been completed by Liz. The profit was the most we have ever had. Many people commented on the placemats and especially the new pans. Things went quite well but Dick has a list of improvements to look at to make next year even better.

Legends Dinner: Liz, Rachel, and Alvina went to the Ramada Inn and after inspecting the premises, we reserved the ballroom for November 12, 2017 with a \$500 deposit. The menu was chosen based on the vote taken at the last meeting. The next day there was a fire there. It did not affect the ballroom. We will have plenty of room and will have to work hard to up the attendance for this dinner.

Story telling at Bayshore: March 25 from 2-4pm. According to Meghan, the theme will be the various “ characters” in the area past and present. Hoping for some colorful stories. Try to participate.

Amendment to By-laws: A non-discriminatory statement must be added to our by-laws.

In order to qualify for some major grants, Alvina will add the wording and prepare for trustees to sign at the April meeting.

Motion made by Liz Hoffman, 2nd by Joyce Massey . Approved.

Building Report: The first move must be to move the furnace to the back room. John, Jim and Dick are working on fixing the back room to make it ready for Guy to move the furnace.

We have approved the bid to do the wiring when the ceiling is down. Dick had two bids to do ceiling work, one was gotten by Sam and the other by Jim Robbins. Compared the bids and decided to choose the bid by Todd Oliver. This is not including the dumpster. Sam can get a dumpster. Everything will take awhile due to the prep work involved. Thank goodness for John Hickman and Jim Robbins for their expertise and willingness to help.

Meghan Wren advised us that the CCIA may be able to provide the dumpster. We would rent it and they will deliver and take away with no tipping fee. (check for form online) see Tony Rivera. Pat Smith knows him.

Motion to accept the bid from Todd Oliver to remove ceiling. Motion by Liz Hoffman , 2nd by Joanne Hickman. Approved .

Meghan Wren: This is Bay Day’s 25th year. They would like to dedicate the day to Port Norris Historical Society. They are asking us to name our Historian of the year and a write up a paragraph on our organization. The date of Bay Day is June 3, 2017. They need the information by May 1, 2017.

Hearing no further business, motion to adjourn by Joanne Hickman, 2nd by Eileen Bernhardt.

Adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary