

The Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
March 8, 2016

In attendance: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, Faye & John Hickman, J. Hickman, L.Hoffman, J. Massey, S. Ricci, Carole and Jim Robbins, R. Smith. Guest: McFerren Sockwell.

Prior to the meeting being called to order we greeted a guest. Mr. McFerran Sockwell came with a baseball uniform that he played in about 50 years ago. He also had pictures with names. Rachel copied the old pictures and took some pictures of "Mac" and his uniform for our Newsletter.

For Historic Show and Tell, Rachel read a letter from Mr. John Lee of Cambridge, Maryland, who grew up in Port Norris and although he did not stay in this area, attributes his success in life to his upbringing here.

Meeting was called to order by Rachel Cobb, President.

Minutes were reviewed as e-mailed. Joann Hickman did not receive but was given a hard copy.

Motion to approve by Joyce Massey, 2nd by Jim Robbins. Approved.

Treasurer's report presented by Liz Hoffman. There was one correction. Cost of mugs was changed from \$151.30 to \$272.10. Motion made by Dick Smith to accept with correction. 2nd by Joanne Hickman. Approved. Original on file with minutes.

Chili Dinner Report: Total Included in Treasurer's report

This is \$547.27 less than last year. We bought more supplies this year and did not sell as many items due to same people returning each year. Need different sale items each year as well as a more significant door prize. Fifty-fifty netted us \$84 and we got \$131 in donations as well as \$80 in memberships.

Again our sincere thanks to Dick Smith for organizing the dinner and to Liz for the extra work involved in keeping the moneys straight for the dinner. Also, we are grateful to everyone who helped in any way.

Chamber of Commerce Membership annual Renewal \$25.00: Motion to pay Alvina Baum, 2nd Gloria Guidera. Approved.

Donations received but not showing in this month's bank statement are: Donna Bailey \$100 in memory of her brother, Craig Bailey. Lynn Robbins gave \$50 in honor of Eileen's birthday.

A business size copy machine with toner was donated by the Mauricetown Historical Society. Also they sent some books and pictures that pertain to Port Norris. Eileen Bernhardt read a letter from Rachel Mertz regarding a quilt she donated to Mauricetown before we were organized. She feels it should be here in Port Norris is willing for them to give to us if they will. Eileen will follow through. Also, Eileen was assured that the names of her relatives and all persons who are eligible to be listed on the Watermen's memorial will be checked and signed off on by the families before any signs are made.

Correspondence: Letter from Mr. Peter Dolcy, history teacher at the Port Norris Middle School, regarding setting up a program with us. We responded that we would do anything that we could to make this happen.

Also a lady named Bernadette has some old books in a warehouse. One pertains to a class in Port Norris which lists names of persons in the class. Joanne Hickman will investigate further.

Membership: Ginny Campbell was out of town but says that membership stands at about 60.

General Business:

Purchase of new recorder: Rachel moved that the Society purchase a digital recorder like hers that can be used with the computer for about \$34.00. It will be used by whoever is secretary or anyone else who has need of it. Motion by Gloria Guidera, 2nd by Eileen Bernhardt. Approved.

Post cards: New Items for sale –Rachel is investigating photos for post cards for sale. She will work on having ready for Bay Day. Rachel went over pricing for the post cards. She will send pictures for consideration to us via e-mail. Also looking at photos from Carole Robbins' collection for Thank You Notes. We checked out the photos of the Chili/Soup dinner placed on Thank You Notes for contributors. Nice job Rachel.

Soup and Chili Dinner Review: Thanks to everyone at the meeting for all the things they did to make the dinner a success. Dick would like to give a mug and a cookbook to three people from the Fire Company. They are Reenie Rhubart, Dean Berry and Brian Errickson who moved the Fire trucks in and out of the Firehouse. Permission granted.

A couple of things for next year. Some soups were not hot enough. Need to have plastic covers for the soups. Rachel got prices for covers that open on both sides. Dick proposes to get some sponsors for dinners at about \$250 each to help cover cost of purchases. Approved. They could then have their brochures on display or whatever they want.

Suggested new time 4:30 to 6:30pm Be prepared. Have soups there and underway by no later than 1:00pm.

Cindy Tawes thanked us for the desserts. Appreciated by the Seniors.

Set up one more table than this year.

Need different items for sale and a better door prize. This will bring in more raffle money.

Supplies: have been inventoried and if anyone uses any supplies, be sure to mark them on the inventory card.

Send the Fire House a \$200.00 donation. Also, rotate duties next year, keep tables wiped, placemats, tip jar for helpers. Small water bottles were great. Iced tea was too strong by directions. It needed more water than suggested.

If anyone can help, they are breeding oysters at the Fire House tomorrow night.

Watermens Memorial Update: Alvina proposed a motion to table the bell design to be presented the Steering Committee tomorrow, we have to vote so that Rachel will be speaking for all of us. Approved.

Alvina and Liz will be attending a regular meeting on the 10th and Rachel will be calling in. Fund raiser on May 5th with Press Release at that time.

Saturday May12th Storytelling session at the wharves from 2-4pm. "Life in the Villages". Alvina, Rachel and Carole Robbins volunteered snacks.

Race Thru Time: With Cumberland County Historical Society . Third Sunday in July. There will be Visas issued per person and people can have them stamped at each Historical Society that they visit. Our stamp is a little crab. Prizes are being considered.

Building : Gayle Penven has gotten another grant from her church for supplies for us to begin repairs upstairs so that we can establish an office up there. This will be very helpful to us and get rid of things from downstairs that are needed in an office setting.

Dick and John Lore will paint front window tomorrow.

We need to work on an application for more funds from SJ Industries. Dick and Alvina will do.

Consumer Affairs Form has been filled out and will be mailed, return receipt requested this week.

Rachel will be away for the next meeting and Dick Smith will chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary