

The Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
April 11, 2017

Attending: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, S. Ricci, J & C Robbins, D & P Smith.

Following an hour work session to “pack up” the items on the first floor in preparation for the removal of the ceiling, the meeting was called to order by Rachel Cobb, president.

Rachel thanked everyone for all the support following her on her “coast to coast” trip.

Minutes review: March minutes have been revised to state that this is the 25th Anniversary of Bay Day at Bayshore. Minutes approved with correction. Motion by Gloria Guidera 2nd by Jim Robbins. Approved.

Liz Hoffman’s 80th birthday is April 15th. She was wished a Happy Birthday by all.

Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Liz Hoffman. No questions, Motion to approve by Dick Smith, 2nd by Joanne Hickman. Approved. Copy of report on file. Motion to approve by Dick Smith, second Joanne Hickman.

Liz discussed the bill from South Jersey Gas. They have not charged us enough this year. Liz called them. We have a large balance which must be paid. Since October this year the charges have been much greater, undoubtedly due to working on the building, being in and out and the bitter cold. SJG will divide the balance into four payments. When the balance is paid, they will refigure the monthly budget payment. It will be less when we insulate the ceiling and get things closed up.

Correspondence: Letter from Seton Hall Prep to thank for donation in memory of John Guidera. Card from Rachel in Flagstaff, Arizona on Route 66. Address change has been made on our Vendor’s Tax Exempt Certificate. Card for Walt Rudolph on his 100th birthday in May. To be signed now or at the next meeting.

Donations: Carol Gromer sent information on the North Port Norris School, loves Newsletter and enclosed a check for \$100. Also donated was a wash basin set given once owned by Joe and Annie Newcomb by Rose Riley Vick.

Committee Reports:

Collections – Nothing

Dick has additional receipts given by John Laws from the service station. Need deed of gift for John.

Membership: Ginny has 83 members. Sent letters, thanks and newsletters to those with no e-mail. Needs 7 additional. Will work with Rachel to get the list on google.docs.

Exhibit Committee: Proposed to create a new committee in the near future. When we are ready with our renovations, to set up various exhibits of our items that will change from time to time

Grants: South Jersey Industries has sent us another rejection for our latest grant application. This is a disappointment to us. We have not yet had a response from the Gannett Foundation.

By-Law Amendment: In order to satisfy the requirements, from large companies for grants an amendment was formulated from wording used by other non-profits.

The trustees who were present signed and Rev Barnes will sign when he is able.

Scarecrow Project: is in the works with the senior center.

Keychains have arrived. They are very nice looking. Members\$4.50 /Public \$5.00. We all need to sell some.

Mauricetown Historical Society Social: Next Tuesday at 6:30 pm . Please sign up again so that Alvina can call with a current number. We will give them the three different scrapbooks plus a cookbook for their library, Vineland Historical Society was vandalized. Copper pipes from air conditioner were stolen.

Delaware Bay Waterman's Memorial : We need a vote on purchasing a 12 inch bell to be used as one part of the three part Memorial. Will be mounted on a Samson Post, possibly on the post from the Cashier. Motion by Liz Hoffman Approved.

Bay Day: The Port Norris Historical Society is being featured at Bay Day. We need to name a Historian. Written ballot confirmed Dick Smith. Alvina and Dick will work on the paragraph needed at Bayshore by May 1st. Rachel has invited the Holly Society to meet at our building on Bay Day then travel to Bivalve.

Legends Dinner: Liz gave an overview of the arrangements made with the Ramada Inn. We must vote for the Legends at the August meeting. This will be our 10th anniversary celebration and there is plenty of space (200 people). Think of ways to mark this special time. Invite past legends, Township Committee and Friends. Nominations to be submitted by June meeting with final choices to be made at August meeting. Fill the applications out. Need more than just the names.

Building Report: Thrivent Grant with Gayle Penven, Dick Smith and John Lore will shop with Gayle for supplies for the bathroom.

The CCIA will provide us with a dumpster for two weeks for \$150 to dispose of the ceiling materials. Includes tipping fee. Must sign contract and have check. In order to take down the back ceiling it is an additional \$625 for a total of \$1725. Motion by Liz Hoffman, 2nd by Gloria Guidera. Approved. Dick will coordinate with Liz for the checks.

Rachel proposed that in order to keep people donating we must keep them informed as to what is happening.

Dick has permission to move ahead with managing the total project.

Guy Chamberlain will move the heater to the back room. Curtains to come down at the last minute. Alvina will take home, launder and keep.

In order for all members to stay informed, Rachel will place a notification in the newsletter advising that after the meeting minutes have been approved, they will be posted on line.

Hospitality Bags: Pat Smith brought an example of very nice hospitality bags containing information about Port Norris and the area which will be taken to new comers to town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary