

The Port Norris Historical Society

April 11, 2023

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, B. Hall, L. Hoffman, T. Hollinger, M.L. Lacotte, A. Lore, K. Lore, J. Lore, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith, R. Smith. Guests: Kelly Adair, Joseph Brach.

The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, commencing at 7:02 p.m., in the Society's headquarters building, with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and the Secretary present.

March Meeting: The March 2023 minutes and the April 2023 meeting agenda were emailed to active members on April 11, 2023. The Treasurer's Report for March 2023 was emailed to Executive officers on April 6, 2023.

Review of Minutes: Corrections to March 2023 minutes: Pat Smith reported the Commercial Township Environmental Commission has new members, recently appointed by the Commercial Township Committee. Faye Hickman made a motion to approve the emailed minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Gloria Guidera with unanimous member approval.

Treasurer's Report: The March Treasurer's Report was tabled and will be emailed later to PNHS Board members.

PNHS Vice President: Rachel Cobb announce the appointment of Faye Hickman as Vice President of the PNHS, to fill the unexpired term previously held by Dick Smith, who resigned on February 5, 2023. Faye Hickman will serve in the capacity of Vice President until the elected term of Dick Smith has expired.

Passing of Legend: Rachel Cobb notified the members of Legend Mary Ella Morie's passing. Mary Ella was a sister to PNHS member and Legend Alvina Baum, who passed away a year ago. A motion was made by Alvin Lore, seconded by Gloria Guidera, and unanimously passed to donate \$100.00 to the Haleyville United Methodist Church, Haleyville, NJ, in lieu of flowers as requested by the family.

Eight Grade Graduation Award: Rachel Cobb announced the Commercial Township School System sent a letter asking for our participation again in providing a scholarship for this year's eighth grade graduation. It was agreed to present two fifty dollar (\$50.00) cash scholarships and a PNHS history book, each to a male and a female student. Dick Smith made the motion to authorize the scholarships be gifted to the students, seconded by Gloria Guidera, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Visitors: Two new guests, Kelly Adair, and Joseph Brach, who moved into Port Norris a year ago, were introduced as guests. Joseph B. asked if anyone had knowledge

regarding the home they purchased on North Avenue, diagonally across from the cemetery. Members were familiar with the property but did not have any specific information to share.

Committee Reports

Membership: Virginia Campbell reported a change in the membership totals reported at last month's meeting. Correct total of members is seventy (70) to date. No new memberships

Correspondence: Gloria Guidera sent two thank-you notes to Robin Berry and Joyce Lore for donations in memory of Vertie Kunkle, a past Legend. Sympathy cards were sent to the Ball family and Legend Georgie Corona on the loss of her grandson.

Collections: Rachel Cobb reported a matching chamber pot has been added to a pitcher and bowl set donated several years ago. The three piece set was owned by Josiah Newcomb who gifted it to Herb and Louise Moore as a wedding gift. Also added was a stained glass terrarium hand-made by Herb Moore, a wedding gift to Pat Riley Hammer. Joan Harper has donated items which need to be unpacked, with a report to follow.

Welcome Committee: One welcome bag was presented to a family living on Temperance Street behind the cemetery.

Soup Dinner: Dick Smith reported the Soup Dinner is scheduled for Saturday 23, 2023, at the PN Fire Hall. Dick asked for a commitment from the membership to decide if the soup dinner will be held. This is the biggest fundraiser for the historical society and will need everyone's assistance. To cut down on the number of hours worked by members, monetary compensation will be made for set-up and take-down. It was decided that soups can be cooked at members' homes and brought to the fire hall the day prior to the event. To have enough soups to meet supply and demand, the menu will not include as large a variety of soups as in the past. Two people will be making the same specific number of gallons of the same soups. Commitments have been obtained for the following soups: shrimp bisque, oyster stew, clam chowder, crab, tomato florentine, Italian wedding soup, chili, and vegetable. Chicken corn chowder was a suggested addition to the soup menu. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting. People will have the option to eat-in or take-out dinners. When purchased, tickets should be marked sit-in or take-out. Sponsors, donating \$250.00 per business, will receive two (2) free tickets to the soup dinner and a framed certificate of appreciation. Everyone is expected to sell tickets for the soup dinner. Dick will have more details at the May meeting.

Building – Dick Smith stated the upstairs rooms ceilings, floors, and trim are painted. John Lore, Sam Ricci, Alvin Lore, and Dick Smith painted the floors, wooden trim around the doors, and windows. It took three coats of paint for all the trim work. A thank you to Joyce Massey for donating several gallons of paint. A very special thank you to all the men who donated their time and hard work to complete the upstairs

remodeling. Dick reminded members, if the back door is opened, it is imperative to put the dead bolt on before leaving. All furniture and items upstairs are covered in dust from the sanding and will require cleaning.

PNHS Legends 2023 Update: Mary Linda Lacotte updated members on final plans/figures for the upcoming Legends Awards.

Totals: 164 paid guests

Legends and their guests total: 127 attending

PayPal account: (14) transactions using PayPal for 24 people

(2) direct deposits into checking account totaling \$895.52

Cost of meals: \$25.00/entrée plus \$5.50 service charge

Total cost \$30.50

Fundraising profit: \$7.50/person

Additional Costs: Centerpiece flowers: \$115.00-\$120.00

Plaques for seven (7) Legends: \$210.00, (3) were donated

Final cost \$120.00

Set-up at the Motorsports Park is 9:30am.

The registration table will have three lines for welcoming the guests. Liz H., Faye H., and Joyce M. will be assisting with the registration.

Work Session: Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:30 am to assemble prize baskets and floral centerpieces. Rachel Cobb mentioned change will be needed for the money box the day of the Legends.

PayPal account: Rachel noted the PayPal account was originally opened by Joanne Hickman. The security procedures to purchase the credit card reader would not allow a new phone number to be added to the account. Rachel will coordinate with Joanne Hickman if information is needed. PayPal was selected as it is a secure website and the PNHS does not have to collect any personal information from anyone purchasing tickets or sale items.

Rachel Cobb will be taking photographs of the Living Legends on Sunday.

Merchandise: Virginia Campbell stated that with the number of guests expected at the Legends Awards, a PNHS bag filled with historical society merchandise would be added to the five themed baskets. Most baskets have enough items, Ginny asked for additional items for two of the themed baskets. All baskets will be assembled on Thursday, April 20, 2023. All baskets and sale merchandise will be loaded into vehicles on Thursday. An email reminder will be sent out prior to the work session. Ten to twelve volunteers will be needed. Ginny will have all basket items set out on tables prior to the meeting. On the day of the Legends Awards, Roseanne S. and Mariea M. will be selling the merchandise and Faye H. will assist with the credit card reader.

PNHS Merchandise Sale items: Rachel Cobb stated the cooler bags have been ordered and were shipped.

Comments, Questions, Good of the Order:

John Hickman suggested that Rev. David Ennis be asked to do the invocation. Faye H. noted that Rev. Kato Brown is coming as a guest for John Maddox and he should be asked to do the benediction. Mary Linda L. will contact the two ministers to confirm their participation in the program.

Rachel C. invited members to visit the upstairs rooms that have been refinished. Pat Smith reported Commercial Township Environmental Commission is promoting a new recycling project, run by a company named TerraCycle. Empty personal care container items, such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, eye drops, etc. will be collected in special containers provided by the company and in return the township will receive money for projects. Rachel C. will include information in the newsletter

Dick Smith made a motion to adjourn.
Rachel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary
Corrections:

Date _____