

Port Norris Historical Society
April 8, 2014
General Meeting Minutes

Attending: Rev. E. Barnes, A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, J. Hickman, E. Hoffman, P. Moore,
S. Ricci, R. Smith
Guest: Heather Santoro, Grant Writer

Heather Santoro presented her work as a grant writer. She works on contract often for a group, however, she is willing to do one month's work researching available grants for \$400. She can assist with following through with an application for a fee of \$50 per hour. We thanked her for coming to see our building and told her that we will take her proposal under consideration.

Prior to the official meeting, Rachel introduced Pat Moore and her expertise in collections and archiving. Robin Berry will be contacted regarding setting up a meeting.

Meeting called to order:

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as e-mailed. Motion by L.Hoffman, 2nd J. Hickman-Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on Hand 2/28/2014 in General Fund is \$7612.98. Capital Fund \$4908.78
It was noted that Building Expense included lead paint removal, utility bills, paint etc. Balance as of 3/31/2014 is \$5933.12. Copy of the full report on file. Motion to accept by J. Hickman, second by A.Baum. Approved.

Paint around the windows is complete thanks to Dick Smith. Each window has been primed and painted with two finish coats. Thanks to Dick for his many hours of volunteer work.

Correspondence: Our current 990 Tax Exempt Status was completed by phone. Acknowledgement was sent by mail. Dick Smith has copies of the tax free form for purchasing .

It was decided to use Sherwin-Williams Paint inside and out due to better ratings by Consumer Reports. We need some volunteers to help paint the remainder of the baseboard, etc.

Donations: Liz Hoffman's pastor (First Methodist Church) donated a history that goes back to the Indians in this area. Also donated by Joanne Hickman's daughter-in-law was a fan that belonged to Compton Bros. Liz's sister donated an oyster plate. Donation forms should be filled out including any known history including where item was found. This will be important when we are able to display our items.

Brief Soup/Chili Dinner Review: Dinner went extremely well. Well done everyone. Needed more salad and Ginny came to our aid. Our income after expenses was \$1787.69.
We need to set the date early for next year and possibly serve more persons. Also need to change date at least by one week. Choose from three weekends in March.

Second Friday at Bayshore: Rachel is the featured artist and will be having a "Flower Show" and will fill the walls with colorful flower pictures. Everyone is invited.

Watermen's Memorial Meeting date: There is no set date at this time. Rachel is requesting a date after Easter. Sketches have been submitted. Rachel will download and send to those on our committee. They must be kept confidential. The designs belong to the artists. The process for choosing is complex and we need our voice to be heard.

Bay Day: Rachel got a request for a float for the parade. Our committee decided that we cannot do that at this time. We will have an exhibit and presence at the wharves in the afternoon. Rachel must be present at the Holly Society this year. We will have our indoor yard sale from 10a to 2p then we can have teams available to go to the river.

Heritage Day: August 16th Bayshore inviting Historical Societies from as far as they can get them. They have a variety of workshops on ancestry, etc. Would we like to participate? Yes. Rachel will get more information and discuss at next meeting.

Stipend from Bayshore: Dick did a workshop there and has not yet been paid. He has requested the money to be paid to us. They are very slow to pay. We are to be commended for paying all of our invoices on time.

Grants: Received a grant from SJI for \$1500 toward roof.

Applied for an addition grant from 1772 Historic Trust for \$5000.00 for roof. Application was submitted on time. Notifications come in August.

Lead paint removal is completed. When the final check clears the bank, we will complete the rather extensive paper work to close out the grant.

Building:

As previously stated all the woodwork around the windows has been painted an off-white called "marshmallow".

Window Plaques : Rachel has gotten the sample which is the plaque for her family. All families have signed off on the wording for the plaques. Rachel must pay with her credit card to order. We will then reimburse her.

Roof: Estimates are in for the roof. They range from \$12,000 to \$23,000 for metal. That includes taking the chimney tops down from the top to the roofline.

Road Clean-up: Couldn't get it done in the fall. The \$500 will go toward our \$1500 balance with John Laws. Possibly first week in May. We pick the road. Secretary to send reminder.

Sam Ricci and Dick Smith have composed a letter to the sand companies in the area. US Silica has been contacted and will contribute something.

No further business, moved and seconded, meeting adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary