

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting April 9, 2019

Attending: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci., J. Robbins, R. Smith.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of Meeting Minutes: Minutes should document Joanne Hickman donated the book titled, A List of Cumberland County Young Men called for Military Service (1917), as noted in the minutes. In addition, a correction to record the name of Carol Gromer as Carol Saul Gromer. A motion was made by Dick S., seconded by Sam R., with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Faye discussed donations received - from Vertie Kunkel, from Carol Saul Gromer and from the box at Soup Sale. Ginny C. will send a thank-you package to Vertie K. in appreciation of her donation. We purchased an ad in the amount of \$100.00 for a block on the PN Fire Company placemats. A donor, who wished to remain anonymous, reimbursed the PNHS for the cost of the ad. Dick S. purchased frames for the Soup Sale sponsors' certificates at a cost of \$24.35. He has personally delivered them to the sponsor organizations and/or businesses. He stated the people were so appreciative of the certificates. Discussion regarding the annual audit of the Treasurer's books brought to our attention that required annual reports are due, but cannot be completed until the books have been audited. Anna DeFabrites is behind in her work and may not be able to get the audit completed by the deadline for filing the forms, which is six months after the year ends. Ron Garrison's name was mentioned and will be contacted as a substitute for doing the audit. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Joyce M., with a second by Joan R. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Alvina B. read a note from Vertie Kunkel that we received with her donation. Thank-you cards were sent to Carol Saul Gromer and Donna Bailey. A get-well card will be sent to Pat S. who is recuperating from surgery.

Committee Reports:

Collections: The committee will resume working once Pat S. is able to attend.

Membership: Ginny C. stated we have 67 current members for 2019. Membership dues for the year will continue to be collected. Rachel discussed Google Docs which allows

documents and files to be shared. She has started a membership file on Google Docs so that the list will be available to everyone.

Welcome Committee: Pat and Faye have not visited any new families/residents.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam R. reported the Chamber is in renewal mode for members, contacting them by email. The Chamber sponsored a table at the Sportsmen Expo, with no real interest in membership. Seth B. has printed applications for the new members. Vaughn's Vending has been added to the Chamber business sign, with a free membership included. Community Clean-up Day has not been scheduled, the application has been sent to the Township. Sponsors for the Fireworks at Bay Day are being sought; Bayshore is considering a daytime boat parade instead of plans for an evening one. There will be a band playing on the docks, but there may be flooding. The Chamber is still looking for formation documents for tax exemption. The PNHS is not prepared to participate in Bay Day this year. Rachel mentioned that using Google Docs can have a shared server.

Cookbook/Newsletter/Note Cards: Rachel C. reported we had 250 recipe cards printed from AccuPrint, the business that prints our spiral bound scrapbooks. We may want to consider ordering additional recipe cards; it may be a cost-effective way to provide hand-outs at events. We may wish to print other legends' recipes. Accuprint also does banners that stick to a wall. We may consider this for future displays once the building work is completed.

General Business:

Legends Dinner – Mary Linda L. – It was discussed that nominations for Legends Honorees will be accepted in May, with voting at the June meeting. Forms are available on-line and can be downloaded. Liz H. presented a list of possible nominations, both past and living, which she has been compiling and could be used this year or for future nominations. George Garrison was mentioned as a Living Legend nomination revisit – his name was withdrawn last year so that his father would be honored. Forms are available on-line through links.

Veterans' Memorial Park: Dick reported that the project work is almost complete. Memorial bricks are still available for purchase. The four benches, obtained through the recycled plastic bag collections, will be installed prior to the ceremony. The committee is looking for a vendor to sell light food items during the day. A question arose regarding conflicting dates for the ceremonies as posted on the official site page. The dedication ceremony is planned for Saturday, May 18th from 11:00am – 1:00pm, rain or shine. Joe Klaudia and Senator Andrzejczak will raise the American flag. There will be (4)

members from each branch of the armed services that will raise the flag for their respective branch. There are links to Facebook and the township website from the PNHS website. Dick stated a substantial amount of donations, both monetary and time, were received in order for the undertaking to be realized.

Building – Dick S. reported Donald Franklin took out the side door and replaced with framing. He will come back and sheet rock as well as patch holes. Dick has contacted (2) people about sheet rocking the ceiling. Mike V. has run wiring for cable, telephone, and track lighting. He had to cut through the ceiling from the attic to put in boxes. A new mercury vapor light with LED bulb will be installed because the one that is up is part of John Laws property. The society owes Mike V. \$2300.00 for his completed work. Three major projects, including bathroom work, wiring, lighting and reconstruction, will be completed with the profits from the Soup Sale. Steve Shavelin has installed the bathroom fixtures. Many projects to date are not visible to the public, but were necessary for safety and functionality.

Other Comments and Concerns:

South Jersey History Fair – Rachel C. - June 8th is the date; additional information will be discussed at the May meeting.

Bay Shore – Faye H. stated we can participate in the Antique Tools of the Trade and of the Home display. There will be two items submitted per organization. Suggestions discussed were Alvina B.'s grandmother's rug loom, wheel molds form and a hook from Austin Berry, and a scale from Harriet's Candy store. We have our May meeting prior to the May 17th deadline before making decisions. Rachel D. would like to use the photographs that Pat Carney Cavender donated to us. Permission was given by Pat C. for them to be used, with credit given to both the Carney family and our organization.

Liz Hoffman's birthday is Monday. Alvina asked everyone to include their birthdays on a paper being passed around.

Rachel asked for assistance with captions of photos for the newsletter; she has a "then and now" history of the bank (former). She would like to have people share one-on-one stories that can be used in the newsletter. Suggestions are welcomed; stories can be recorded or written down, even if the people cannot be available for our meetings.

Mauricetown - was added to the National and State Historical Registers as a historic village last year. This is not the MHS but the town itself. Rachel C. attended the celebration of their 1st year anniversary. Signs will be erected to designate their historic registration.

RSVP – Recognition luncheon is May 22nd; if going we need to bring a small door prize package. Participants will be receiving an invitation in the mail.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary