

Port Norris Historical Society

Minutes to general meeting of May 10, 2011

Officers present: Treasurer Joanne Hickman, Secretary Donna Moore

Trustees present: Alvina Baum, Richard Smith, Rachel Cobb, Ed Adams

Meeting called to order at 7PM by Secretary Donna Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Membership dues collected - \$20 interest earned \$2.33 Total in account - \$3,564.28

Donna reported on the business conducted at the Governing Board meeting.

Old Business

It was decided to sell the mugs for \$6, the 12 oz. bags of coffee for \$10 and the individual bags for \$3. These will be sold at Bay Day and at any other event we can attend.

There was a discussion on the possible purchase of a building for the society. The Governing Board recently toured John Laws yellow building on Main Street as a possible location. He wants \$40,000 to purchase. Alvina suggested that we contact people from outside Port Norris to donate. There is a concern about the cost of renovation, the building needs a roof. Richard Smith suggested that we start a capital fund for the building project, which can be used for another project if we fail to find a suitable location or decide against a purchase. Richard proposed that the \$500 from the upcoming clean-up day be used to start the fund. All agreed. There was a question of asking John Laws if he would finance the purchase of the building.

Donna suggested that a grant writing company be contacted if the society wants to pursue a grant for the purchase or renovation of the building. The extensive work involved makes it difficult for volunteers to complete applications. It was agreed to look at companies when the need arises.

The Clean-Up day will be Saturday, May 28. Bags and vest will be provided. Sign-up is in front of 1729 Main Street (Comcast building).

Richard talked about the 1940s vertans display he and Ed Adams installed at Township Hall. These are copies of newspaper articles from the Advertiser Press donated by Carole Robbins. Ed suggested that we contact the Bridgeton News to do an article on the display. (Article appeared on front page on May 28, 2011).

Joanne Hickman said Leslie in the township tax office commented on how many people look at the Society's case in Township Hall. Ed said the case is not secure and he is actively looking for a replacement.

New Business

Ed suggested that the Society start a register of historic homes, for informational purposes only. All agrees. It was decided that this would be the focus of the September 13 meeting and Donna would do a press release and send invites to homeowners who fit the criteria. Kelli Adams suggested using the county website as a starting place.

Meeting adjourned