

The Port Norris Historical Society
Meeting (In-Person) May 11, 2021

Members Participating: V. Campbell, R. Cobb. G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Massey. M. Moore, S. Ricci, D. Smith,

April Meeting: The May agenda, April Secretary's minutes, and April Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on May 10th, 2021.

Review of Meeting Minutes: Gloria G. made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 ZOOM meeting, with a second by Ginny C. The minutes were approved by the unanimous vote of members present.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports are available upon request.

Donations: A donation was received from Donna Bailey in memory of family for Mother's/Father's Day.

Correspondence: Sam R. stated a letter was received from the Commercial Township Schools regarding the annual PN Historical Society's scholarship awarded at graduation.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Ginny C. reported we have 71 members to date.

Welcome Committee: Faye H. reported she and Pat S. visited six homes and distributed welcome bags to the new township residents. Each bag included two tickets for a morning sail on the A.J. Meerwald. Homes visited (noted by former resident's name): Lou Capaldi, Johanna Galiyano, Herb Moore, Jim MacLean, McDaniels, and Barbara Adams.

Collections: In the absence of Pat S., Rachel noted the blue oyster plate, donated by PN Historical Society members in memory of Joan Robbins, is now on display in one of the tall cases. Sam R. stated he

has memorabilia from the Port Norris Rotary Club, which has disbanded.

General Business:

Merchandise: Rachel C. and Ginny C. discussed the need to keep more accurate records of merchandise our organization has purchased for both fundraising and distributed as gifts. Ginny C. has volunteered to keep a tally of all items either sold or used for gifts. To have an inventory record of items will be helpful with events as well as with budgeting for additional purchases. It was suggested a clipboard be kept in the building for members to record when they have taken merchandise items.

Scholarship for 8th Grade – Rachel C. announced Commercial Township Schools 8th Grade graduation is scheduled outdoors on June 10th. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ginny C. and seconded by Joyce M. to present two \$50.00 cash scholarship awards to both a male and female student. The Historical Society scholarships will be named in memory of Joan and David Robbins. In the past one \$50.00 award was given; however, with the surplus money donated towards the purchase of the oyster plate, there is enough money to give two scholarships for two years.

Projects: Prints of *Emma Peterson Paintings*: The Rachel Robbins Mertz donation has provided prints and note cards of the Peterson schooner prints for the PN Historical Society to sell, with all profits going to our organization. One print was given to Steve Fleetwood for his recent monetary donation; another to Todd Reeves.

Building: Humidifier: Still working on this purchase.
Outside solid barrier skirt: John H. suggested installing a concrete barrier on the east side of the building, to keep rainwater from draining underneath the structure. The west side of the building would be filled with gravel. Dick and John can make the concrete forms. Insurance report stated this area needs attention, but no immediate timeline given.

Soup Dinner: Dick S. reported Reenie R. and Dean Berry suggested Saturday, September 11, 2021, as the date for our Soup Dinner. Soups will be made in the building, some prior to that day and oyster stew the day of the dinner. The fundraiser will be strictly take-out, with all tickets sold by pre-paid advance orders only. Pick-up times would be a two hour window in the afternoon. Suggested cost is \$12.00/quart. Dick would like to have some sponsors for the dinner, possibly Eric Harden getting the half and half for the oyster stew. Also, he would approach LaMonica for clam chowder donations. Gail Penven will be contacted for the donation she obtains through her church for purchase of containers, bags, etc. Discussion of an informational flier to be included in the take-out bags, with recognition of all sponsors and a virtual presentation of all Legends winner was positively received. A separate meeting for the Soup Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 27th at 10:00 am at the building. A reminder of the meeting will be emailed prior to the date.

Legends Awards: Mary Linda L. reported the official date of the 2022 Legends Awards luncheon is Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the NJ Motorsports Park. Rachel C. wants to continue with public awareness of the Legends Awards this year even though no new legends will be recognized in 2021. Nominations will open in May, closed in August, with voting in the fall. Once honorees are determined, a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient and/or family member, with invitations mailed the first week of March 2022.

Comment/Suggestions/Announcements:

Annual Picnic: Mary Linda and Joe invited the PN Historical Society members to hold the annual picnic at their home, with mid-August being a suggested date.

PNHS Meeting: The next meeting will be held in person at the headquarters building on Tuesday, June 8th, at 7:00pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary