

Port Norris Historical Society  
May 14, 2014

Attendance: A. Baum, R. Berry, E. Bernhardt, G. Campbell, F. Donahue, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, P. Moore, S. Ricci, R. Smith

The meeting was called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.  
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed. Motion by Liz Hoffman, second by Pat Moore. Will be posted on web-site.

Treasurer's Report: After this month's receipts and disbursements, checking account balance was \$5590.12 . Capital fund balance \$5159.81. Disbursements include Membership in Chambers by the Bay, Glass for the front doors and web page addresses. Report on file with minutes.  
Suggestion –send treasurer's report to Alvina to send along with minutes. Then only any questions will need to be addressed in the meeting. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Dick Smith, second by Sam Ricci. Approved.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Edith Lynn Robbins. Eileen took her soup from our dinner. Picture of Alma Sockwell, telephone operator from the past, was sent to Liz.  
Invitation from University of Delaware from our students. Laura Proctor and Hannah Blad. Ginny Campbell and Pat Moore can possibly attend.

Alvina needed clarification regarding papers written on the history of the Indians in this area, given by James Peterson. They are in our possession. Liz clarified that they are hand written notes.

Capaldi Farms: the family has been recognized for being 100 years old. Our Congratulations –have been added to the web-site.

General Business:

Successful road clean-up on North Ave. coming into town from the school. \$500.00 will go to John and Janice Laws toward the mortgage. We may be able to do it again in the fall. Only \$1000 left on mortgage.

\*Frank Donahue was not notified. ( Alvina will check his name on address list.)

Port Norris School History Award:

Each year we give a \$50.00 award to a student who excels in history. Graduation is 6/25 this year. Suggested including a Jr. membership and perhaps a scrapbook in addition to the check. Moved by Liz Hoffman, seconded by Pat Moore, approved. Alvina to contact Lisa Robbins.

By-laws: Copies of By-laws were distributed. Discussion regarding getting them placed on web-site. We have a new trustee but question arose as to when the trustees need to sign. Ginny will investigate the rules regarding amendments. Pat thinks that copies need to be sent to state when by-laws are changed. Rachel will check with Kelli to see if she has the most current by-laws in her word file and then will Put them up on the web-site.

Watermen's Memorial Meeting: We were well represented. Good meeting. Meghan is calling each artist for a personal meeting with two reps from each group to see if they are open to suggestions for minor revisions.

The reps from our group will be Rachel and Ginny Campbell with input from all. Discussion revolved around human versus representative forms. Rachel will be sure to include our group in sending out the newly submitted sketches for our input.

Bay Day Yard Sale and Display Set-ups:

June 7<sup>th</sup> We will not participate in the parade. Yard sale in building and display in Bivalve. Rachel can't be here until noon on Saturday. Rachel's parents have tables. Set up inside on Friday. Robin will make flyers for "Ye Old PN Historical Society Yard Sale". One table outside to be changed hourly for interest. Hours are 10am to 2pm. Then to Bivalve. Bring bags. Joanne needs bags at Senior Center. No clothing. Set up by price tables. Perhaps save items that don't sell until Heritage Day in August then take them to donation center.

We will set up on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. If anyone has items prior to that date, just call someone with keys to get in. Have a deep display case for setting up down at the wharves. Display Board? Small area for regular display and other articles. Use the same display for Heritage Day. Possibly copy photos for people and get photos from them that we can display.

Collections Committee: Robin and Pat introduced themselves and decided to set a date after Bay Day. Cannon ball: The owner is signing a deed of gift and will be in touch with Rachel for pick up.

Baseball pieces at Gallery 50: Our picture is on their postcard with credit and they will display the old Baseball uniform. Rachel will prepare a framed repro of that picture for sale. Dick also brought some other stuff. Uniform will be there for one month. Robin Berry has a signed baseball from Larry Milbourne which she was also willing to add to the display.

Everyone was in agreement regarding the lending of the articles. There were several comments on line after the old Ball Team picture was shown. Rachel read a few of them. We got about 80 likes on Facebook.

Grants: Dick said that Cathy Goulet called him about the roofing bids for the grant, Dick will send them. We will know by the 16<sup>th</sup> of July if we are in consideration for the \$5000 for the roof. Ms. Goulet says that it is a highly competitive year. Also, the finalization of the lead paint removal documentation has been submitted. We should receive the final \$150.00 if approved.

Pat Moore spoke of a grant that could be used for a very expensive documentation program called "Past Perfect". She will save the brochures for use at a future time with the collections committee. Rachel checked out other groups like ours to see where they get their money. Robin will be more free during the summer. She can work from home and is interested in a grant writing. Pat says that CCC also runs workshops.

The building: Front door has been painted and the glass has been installed. Regarding the window that is still for sale, Rachel responded to a query about the window but got no response from the McBride Family. Plaques should be ready for the June meeting and we will decide where to place them at that time.

John Laws booklet: Rachel has a copy of a "Little Italy Booklet" which belongs to her Dad. Perhaps sometime in the future, it can be expanded upon if John is willing.

Par Moore attended a meeting at the Mauricetown Historical Society regarding towns and places that were involved in the Revolutionary War. They are planning a Heritage Trail Map and , we should contact the gentleman to find out about being included on that map.

Membership Ideas: Rachel and Ginny were discussing what we could offer to new members. Perhaps member's discount, pens, think about before next year renewals. Thank you notes should be sent to all who contribute to the dinners and other things. Thank you went on Facebook and the web-site to all who contributed but it should be more personal. Dick has the phone numbers and we can get the addresses. Ginny will look to see if she still has the info on her tent cards.

Family History Page:

Rachel suggested that questions and comments be copied from Facebook onto the web-site so that they will not go away.

Suggest thumbnail pictures of the various families. Asked each member who have and had families in Port Norris , to fill in the sheet that Rachel has designed to start with. Can expand in the future. Stories to be included. Day to day life as it was in the past of Port Norris. Please start by filling in the form and bring it back to the June meeting. Should make it fun.

We have been so focused on the building that we haven't had speakers but it is coming. Make time to share with each other in the meetings.

Thanks to all for their suggestions and input.

Meeting adjournment moved and seconded.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary