

## The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting May 14, 2019

**Attending:** A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, L. Reeves, S. Ricci., A. Robbins, J. Robbins, P. Smith, R. Smith, R.A. Smith,

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Ginny C., seconded by Sam R., with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as e-mailed, with spelling corrections revised.

**Treasurer's Report:** Faye H. reported the 990N card as filed on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Ron Garrison audited the treasurer books, completed required forms. He did not submit a letter stating an audit had been completed however he will follow up with one to Faye. Thank you for all the donations this month. The check written out to Inspira's Family Access Center for a Christmas donation (money collected by members) has not been cashed. Ginny called the organization and was told it may possibly be lost. The contact person asked if a new check could be reissued. It was decided to wait until our next meeting before taking any action. A motion was made by Dick S. and seconded by Eileen B. to accept the treasurer's report; vote was unanimous.

**Donations:** Faye H. (See Treasurer's report for details of the donations received.) Ginny C. mentioned that she took a package of PNHS items to Vertie Kunkle, who since then has been stricken with health issues.

**Correspondence:** Rachel C. stated she had received an email from Shawn Ronan regarding a school project he is researching on Dr. Sharp. Dick S. followed up with the student.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Collections:** Mary Linda L. presented three books which Pat Carney Cavender donated to the PNHS: (1) A Christmas Cookbook published for Newcomb's Market; (2) The Story of the Port Norris Oyster Company; (3) Dorchester Women's Special Cooking Secrets. It was noted there is a new form which will be used when receiving items.

**Membership:** Ginny C. reported we now have 70 members for 2019.

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

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** Sam R. reported the Chamber is considering combining a Boat Parade with Maurice River Township's Family Night Out. Bay Day is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Marina and boat owners are not expressing much interest. Christmas in July is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>. Maurice River Township is only allowing one trash pick-up per group annually, with \$5,000.00 allotted for the entire year.

**General Business:**

**Veterans' Memorial Park:** Dick S. reminded all of the Dedication ceremony this Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. A recent order of memorial bricks will be set before the ceremony. Memorial bricks are still available for purchase. The four benches, obtained through the recycled plastic bag collection of 2300 pounds of bags, have been installed at the site. The Womens' Auxiliary and Mauricetown Fire Company have completed their collections with benches to be placed in the community. A request was made with the Mosquito Commission to spray the area. Local resident, David Lore, is playing TAPS; 200 chairs will be set up for guests. The NJ State Police helicopter will do a fly over. A grant received by Gail Penven was used to purchase \$125.00 of special paints needed to paint the rock and the masonry. Bottled water was also purchased with the remainder of the grant money. Rachel would like to put in an article and photographs in the newsletter after the dedication.

**RSVP** – Faye reported there are six members who will be attending the RSVP Recognition Luncheon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Liz H., Alvina B., John and Faye H., Ginny C., and Rachel C. will represent our organization. A bag will be made using PNHS items to be used as a door prize per a request from the RSVP office.

**South Jersey History Fair** – Rachel C. - June 8<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date. Bayshore may send someone, Mauricetown Historical Society and Maurice River Historical Society do not have anyone attending. There are no members from our organization able to attend.

**June/August Speaker** – Rachel was asked by Mauricetown Historical Society to speak to their group about her recent trip. It would probably be in early fall. Dick feels that we should all make an effort to attend as it would show support for the other local historical societies and be a measure of good public relations.

**Building** – Dick S. is attempting to get some of the projects finalized; however, the workers are quite busy and have little or no time to complete the work. Mike V. is finished with the electrical wiring. Septic still needs to be completed; Donald Franklin still has work to complete. Dick met with Cory Jackson of Custom Dry Wall, a local contractor from Buckshutem. The quote of \$3900 includes installing sheet rock the two ceilings downstairs, with two coats of paint on the ceilings. He will patch cracks in the

wall, also. Alvina B. contacted the person to do work on the walls after the ceilings have been installed. He is willing to work on a Saturday. A motion was made by Gloria G. and seconded by Eileen B to contract with Custom Dry Wall to complete work as quoted to Dick S. Approval vote was unanimous.

**Bay Shore Antique Tools Display** – Rachel informed members that May 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for registration paperwork the PNHS will include in the Bay Shore summer display. Items need to be at the center by June 7<sup>th</sup>. A hooked rug with frame from Alvina B.'s family and wagon wheel molds/forms from Austin Berry's business were selected to be displayed from our collection. Rachel will have photographs for the center, including a written description of the two items.

**Legends Nominations** – Rachel asked members to present names for consideration as Legends nominees. Linda R. nominated her father, Luther Jeffries, Sr. Liz H. nominated Ed Cox as a Past Legend and two community members, Georgie Corona and Irene Green as Living Legends nominees. Dick S. nominated Grace Lee, Gibson Andrews and A.J. Kelberg as Past Legends. Mary Linda L. presented a nomination from Alvin Lore to include his grandfather, Marshall (Bud) Lore. Discussion ensued regarding George Garrison, whose nomination was withdrawn from the 2018 Legends so that his father, Jim Garrison, could be honored as a Past Legend. George's name was to have been resubmitted for this year's nominations as a Living Legend. It was suggested to have two Living Legends, two Past Legends and a historical Past Century Legend for this year's honorees. Voting will take place at our June meeting.

**Other Comments and Concerns:**

**Newsletter Ideas** – Alvina B. read personal notes from Carol Anderson Stekekee and Josephine Sharp Blasvaar which could be included in a future newsletter.

**Birthdays** - John H. and Dick S. will be celebrating birthdays this month.

**Other** – Our building is not ready for public visitation during this year's Bay Day events. Pat stated there are recent newcomers to town. Rachel shared souvenirs and mementos which she brought back from her trip to Egypt, including papyrus, cotton materials, and two rugs.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

