

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting June 11, 2019

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

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb. The meeting was held at the Commercial Township Municipal building as ceiling work made the building not accessible for public use,

Round Table: Austin Berry – Rachel needs information regarding Austin Berry; it was suggested to contact his granddaughter, LaDonna Gibson.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The spelling of the eight grade Commercial Township student name was incorrectly spelled and should be noted as Shawn Ronan. A motion was made by Joyce M., seconded by Pat S., with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as e-mailed, with spelling corrections revised.

Treasurer's Report: An itemized treasurer's report for the month of May was distributed and reviewed in the absence of treasurer, Faye Hickman. A motion was made by Dick S. and seconded by Joe L. to accept the treasurer's report; vote was unanimous.

Debit Card: Discussion to obtain a debit card for the PN Historical Society to allow Faye H. to make on-line payments and purchases, eliminating the need to make payment with a personal credit card and then wait for reimbursement. Faye will have sole possession and use will be at her discretion. A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Joyce M. with an unanimous vote.

Donations: Faye reported that the check to Inspira Access Center in the amount of \$130.00 from members personal monies to be used as a Christmas donation was never cashed. After discussion, it was decided to let the check ride and wait until next Christmas, rather than pay a canceled check fee. A motion was made by Joyce M. and seconded by Eileen B. to allow the money (\$130.00) to remain in PNHS account to be reissued next December (2019); vote was unanimous.

In memory of her husband, Dave Robbins, Joan Robbins donated \$100.00 to be used for purchase of lights.

Correspondence: Alvina stated there was no correspondence. Birthday cards will no longer be passed around for signatures at meetings. Alvina has compiled a list of members' birthdays which will be forwarded to Mary Linda L.; reminders will be included in correspondence with minutes and agendas. Alvina B. will send one card from the PN Historical Society

Kathy Jessen of Courtland, NY, found an original photo of Port Norris which she sent to us. Dick will take the photo and compare with others he has of buildings in town to determine which property may be in the picture.

Committee Reports:

Collections: Pat S. suggested meeting at the end of the month to begin correlating donated items we have stored with the documented records. It was decided to wait until the construction work is completed upstairs, as the rooms are in a state of disarray.

Membership: Ginny C. reported we now have 71 members for 2019. Alvin Lore joined as a new member at the meeting.

Welcome Committee: Pat and Faye stated there is a new family living in Lou Dagastine's house on Bacon St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam R. stated he had no report as there was no meeting in June. People came to Bay Day, but there were disappointed with the lack of activities. There was a fireworks display at the East Point Lighthouse in the evening.

General Business:

Building – Dick S. reported that Custom Dry Wall has completed most of the work, just to a few small areas of patching. So far, he has patched the walls, given the walls two coats of paint and cleaned up. When all jobs are completed, Dick will pay the total bill.

Mike V, has one or two days to finish the electrical work both upstairs and downstairs. He will install fans and lights upstairs, fans and track lighting downstairs. Discussion ensued and it was determined each of the five rooms upstairs will need a fan with lights and remote control. Lowe's has 52-inch blade flush mount fans with LED lights and remote controls on sale until June 27th. Prices were reduced from \$99.98 to \$68.98. A motion to purchase five (5) fans at a cost of \$68.98 each was made by Liz H. and seconded by Ginny C. Vote was unanimous.

Dick will ask Mike if he can reinstall the three antique pendant lights which were removed when construction began. New globes will need to be purchased. Dick stated Mike will need to attach brackets in order to secure the light fixtures. The lights will be installed at the top and bottom of the stairs and in the little hallway. Rachel stated there may be a fourth light. Dick called Mike during the discussion and he can rewire the lights. Dick will authorize Mike to complete work and hang lights and install fans.

Graduation Date – Rachel announced the Commercial Township School 8th Grade Graduation is scheduled on June 19th at 6:00pm. The recipient of this year's PNHS award is Shawn Ronan of Laurel Lake. Liz H. and Rachel C will present the \$50.00 cash award along with a certificate and a copy of Book II, WWII. Alvina B. made motion and Eileen B. and seconded, vote was unanimously approved.

Bay Shore Antique Tools Display – Rachel will take the two items, a hooked rug with frame from Alvina B.'s family and wagon wheel molds/forms from Austin Berry's business, from our collection to the Bay Shore on the afternoon of June 19th.

Grandfather's clock: Sharon Sutton contacted Dick and said her father's, (Walt Rudolph's) house has been sold and they need to have the clock moved out of the house soon. We should cover the clock with cloth or old sheets.

Legends Nominations – Rachel presented the ballot to vote for the 2019 Legends. Instructions were to vote for two Living Legends, three Past Legends, one Historic Legends

Living Legends Nominees: George Garrison, Irene Green, and Georgie Anna Corona

Past Legends Nominees: J. Marshall (Bud) Lore, Sr., A J Kelberg, Luther R. Jeffries, Sr., Grace Lee and Ed Cox.

Historic Legends: Gibson Andrews (Civil War era)

Paper ballots were distributed, members voted, ballot votes were tallied. Faye and John voted by email to Rachel as they are away; their votes were included in the tally. A copy of the ballot will be attached to the filed minutes.

Final results: Living Legends: Irene Green (12), George Garrison (11), Georgie Anna Corona (3); Past Legends: J. Marshall (Bud) Lore, Sr (13), Luther R. Jeffries, Sr (12), and A.J. Kelberg (7) Grace Lee (5), Ed Cox (2) ; Historic Legend: Gilbert Andrews.

An email message will go out to members who would like to attend a lunch meeting to discuss plans for the Awards lunch.

Other Comments and Concerns:

John Lee would like a copy of the newsletter, but he has no access to the internet. Rachel asked for volunteers to send him monthly newsletters. He will give a generous donation to the PNHS. Alvina B. will send the copies to him,

Newsletter Ideas – Rachel presented the possibility of having “Witness Trees” as a topic of interest for the newsletter. Jeff Espo of Strawberry Avenue has two old trees on his property, which was the former DelRossi farm. Memory stone also on the property of the in memory of Joe Lamanteer.

Summer Meetings: There is no meeting held in July. The next meeting will be August 13, 2019.

Annual Picnic: Mary Ella Morie's place is no longer available; picnic will be at Joe and Mary Linda L.'s home on Saturday, August 10th at 3:00pm. Rachel will email a list of food contributions from last year.

Bayshore: Pat S. asked about a wood carving of a sailboat, approximately two and a half to three feet long; it was on the front of the PNHS building. The people that purchased the Haleyville School are now in possession of it. Pat will continue to pursue the status.

Dick please extend thanks to Mike V for allowing us to hold our meeting at the Commercial Township building tonight.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary