

The Port Norris Historical Society
June 14, 2016

Attending: A. Baum, R. Berry, R.Cobb, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, Joanne Hickman, L.Hoffman, S. Ricci, C.Robbins, J. Robbins, P. Smith, R. Smith. Guests: Jody and Logan Sutton

Our guest, Logan Sutton, presented an excellent program on the many businesses which were located in Port Norris as late as the 1950s. He built a model of the old Knights of Pythius Hall which was located on Main Street in town. Logan won an award at the History Fair and generously donated both the model and a copy of his report to us. Thank you Logan.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Rachel Cobb.

The minutes were reviewed as e-mailed and there is a clarification regarding Rachel's show which will be featured on the Second Friday in November (November 11). It will consist of some of Rachel's photos along with some photos belonging to Carole Robbins taken by her grandfather Sam Cobb. Some history of the Cobb Family in this area. Motion to accept minutes with clarification by Liz Hoffman ,2nd by Jim Robbins.

Treasurer's Report Presented by Liz Hoffman and reviewed by members present. Liz has been depositing contributions to the Capital fund due to the need for supplies for repairs being done. Motion to approve by Dick Smith with appreciation for the work of the treasurer. 2nd by Joanne Hickman. Approved. Note: \$500 will be coming from the township for our road cleanup.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Walt Rudolph for Birthday remembrances.

Ethalinda Blackman sent an original and a copy of an old photograph of her ancestor's (great grandfather's saw mill). The original is very fragile.

E-mail from Janet Cooper regarding her grandfather, William H Jones' obituary. It was discovered that Gayle Penven's father, Fenton Anderson covered the cost of his funeral.

Committees:

Collections: Robin will send Ethalinda a deed of gift for the picture.

Graduation: Liz and Rachel attended Port Norris Middle School graduation on June 6th. The recipient of the \$50 History award was a fine young man from Port Norris named Nahzeem Gales. He and his family were very grateful.

Bay Day: Tom Hollinger provided us with books titled, "Port Norris Pencillings 1883", that he had just published. We were able to keep \$5.00 for each one we sold.

Rachel has had communication with a group from the Seabrook Cultural Center. They have arranged to visit us on June 23rd at 1pm. There will be 7 or 8 of them, mostly ladies. We will meet here on the 22nd at 12 noon to clean up and arrange for the meeting.

Race Thru Time : We will participated two times this summer. July 17th and August 20th from 1-4 pm. This is when people from around the county will visit and have their "Visas" stamped as they attempt to get to each of the Historical Societies in Cumberland County. Again, we will meet late in the week to clean thoroughly and arrange our items for display and sale. Additional scrapbooks will be obtained prior to the first date.

Building: The floor repair on the second floor turn into major repairs. Some electrical work will be done before the flooring is replaced. John Hickman and Jim Robbins are in charge. Dick Smith is helping. Motion by Joanne Hickman to have an open ended fund for upstairs repairs. Second by Alvina Baum. Approved.

Dick also noted that the upstairs windows need replacing. He will get estimates and perhaps we could consider another window campaign.

We discussed and decided to request \$3000 toward a bathroom from South Jersey Industries. Grant application to be submitted in July for consideration of September funding. Alvina Baum & Dick Smith to submit on line.

Discussion regarding sign for "Peak of the Moon". Rachel presented some new ideas, one being in regard to a series of tourist signage which we would have printed showing local points of interest with our logo. These would be placed around Port Norris for the advantage of tourists. She priced the signs at \$550 each.

Pat Smith thought that perhaps that is something the Environmental Protection Commission could help with. She will check with them. Motion by Liz Hoffman for Pat to inquire, second by Joanne Hickman.

Would it be fun to have a picnic at the end of summer? Thinking pot luck. Alvina will ask her sister, Mary Ella Morie if we could have it at her pool. Make plans at the August meeting.

Joanne Hickman volunteered to embroider a decorative border on the yellow table cloth and Rachel wants to print pictures on the blue tablecloths.

Carole Robbins knows a lady who would like to speak to us about a free neutering program for feral cats in the township. We will schedule this at the August meeting.

Please note that Rachel will be in San Diego from July 1-12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary