

The Port Norris Historical Society

Email Meeting June 9, 2020

Member Email Responses: V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, D. Smith, P. Smith.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the May 2020 (as emailed) were approved by the unanimous vote of members who replied by mail.

Treasurer's Report: The June 2020 Treasurer's report by Faye H. was emailed to active members. Included in the report month of was a breakdown of receipts, including donations, and (2) new members. Disbursements included monthly utility bills, and paint supplies to Rachel C. The Treasurer's report, as emailed, was approved by the unanimous vote of members.

Donations: Monetary -Donna Bailey donated \$300.00 in memory of her brother, Craig, and her parents. Rachel Cobb donated in memory of Sue Cobb Morgan. Norman Cobb donated in memory of Bill Lee. Two new members joined and we received \$6.86 from Amazon Smile.

Committee Reports:

Membership: G. Campbell reported our membership remained at 74 members.

Collections – Pat S.

We have been gifted a Barbara Adams painting (not a local scene), from the Adams Family. A copy of it will be in the next Newsletter.

General Business:

Race Through Time: Rachel C.

Our building participated in the Race Through Time and was open July 5th, July 19th, August 2nd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The following members acted as hosts: July 5th - Rachel and Pat Smith; July 19- Joyce and Mary Linda; August 2 - Rachel and Robin.

Thank you to Ginny and Pat who met with Rachel prior to the first open house to organize the main room and straighten up. Liz put postcards in plastic bags as a take-away gift that was required for this event. Thank you to everyone.

Legends Nominations – The deadline was June 1st. Nominations will be announced to our active members and voting for Legends nominees will take place at a later date (yet to be determined).

8TH Grade Graduation Award -

This year our student is a young lady, Elizabeth Robinson. We prepared a certificate, one of the books and \$50. as her award. Ginny C. delivered the award to the Commercial Township School Administration building and they will present it to the recipient at the drive by graduation.

Meetings - Members may want to consider a July meeting to catch up with major things like the Legends program and the building, if needed. Until we have confidence and can gather officially, we will wait and take it one day at a time.

Timeline – Rachel C. needs help with details. If you have any information to add to anything.... please write it down and send it to Rachel. The Timeline was attached to last month's emails. Anything missing... please send.

August Picnic – Our summer picnic will be held outside at Joe and Mary Linda's house, with a Saturday date in August to be announced later.

Correspondence – We received an email message from Shirley Schaeffer, niece of Clara Schaeffer Robbins and Dr. Robbins, asking for verification that the two people in the photograph are Dr. Robbins and his wife, Clara. Rachel shared via email any information she had.

Timeline – Rachel C. Rachel is working on the time-line. However, she is asking for members to share the responsibility by reviewing separate sections of the timeline (i.e., transportation dates, the

churches, firehouse, Post Office). Any members who are able to assist should contact Rachel.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

JUNE 9 MEETING

Please Vote for Minutes and Treasures Report.

Send an email with edits and comments by Thursday June 11, 6pm so we can move things forward. Please reply ALL.

Review of May meeting minutes: Mary Linda L.

Attached - Vote required

Treasurer's Report: Faye H.

Attached - Vote required

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Ginny C.

Currently we have 74 Members

Collections - Pat S.

We have been gifted a Barbara Adams painting, from the Adams Family. It is not a local scene, but it is a lovely painting and we are thrilled they donated it to us. Will have a picture of it in the next Newsletter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Race Through Time: Rachel C.

The 3 open dates right now are July 5, July 19, August 2 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

We do not need more than 2 people to host the building to be open.

July 5th - Rachel and Pat Smith

July 19 - Joyce and Mary Linda

August 2 - Rachel and ?

Thank you to Ginny and Pat who met with Rachel on Monday to organize the main room and straighten up. We made a list for all the things to be done for July 5th. Liz is putting postcards in plastic bags as a take away gift that was required for this event. Thank you everyone.

LEGENDS NOMINATIONS

The deadline is NOW!

This was last month's statement. Please forward your nominations.

The board voted to not hold the awards luncheon this year with all the unknowns happening at this time. However, we do not want to totally eliminate the Legends program honoring people from our community. For this year only, we will nominate and honor historical Legends from the late 1700's, 1800's and early 1900's. This will be done through our website, using the newsletter and the Legends pages, posting their biographical information and anecdotal memories. The nominations for historical individuals will be extended until June 1st. Any other nominations will be considered for next year, when the process begins again. Here is a link to the Legends List <http://historicportnorris.org/legends-list.htm>

8TH GRADE GRADUATION AWARD

We contacted the school and they are doing a drive by graduation for the students and we offered to still do our award. This year our student is a young lady, Elizabeth Robinson. So we prepared a certificate, one of the books and \$50. as her award. Ginny C. too it to the admin. building and they will deliver it. I personally will miss attending graduation this year. They always do a great job. If anyone sees the graduation event go by and get a picture send it to me.

MEETING IN JULY?

Would we want to consider a meeting in July? We normally do not have a July meeting. Please give feed back.

AUGUST PICNIC

Mary Linda and Joe have offered their home again for a August Picnic. We think this will be allowed but it would need to be OUTSIDE only, not inside like last year. No date selected yet..

CORRESPONDENCE

We had a nice email from a lady Shirley Schaeffer, you will see in the email her connection. This also happens to be Dick's Uncle. How neat is it she found us! I emailed her what we had.

Here is her email "My name is Shirley Schaefer Schaeffer. My aunt was Clara Schaefer Robbins and of course Dr. Robbins was my uncle. I was just a little girl when Capt. Robbins died, but I do remember going to Norristown, PA to visit Aunt Clara at the time of his death. I don't know if I ever met Dr. Robbins and I did not see my aunt very often, but we kept in touch to the extent that Aunt Clara paid for me to go to college. As you can imagine Clara Robbins and Dr. Robbins are very special to me.

I have been doing genealogy for some time now and today stumbled upon the Port Norris Historical Society and the honor bestowed on Capt. Robbins. There is a picture at the end of the section on Capt. Robbins which says Clara and David. I believe that is my Aunt Clara. Could you please confirm that and email me a copy and find out if the family has any more pictures of Clara that could be emailed to me".

TIMELINE - Rachel C.

I really need help on the time line. I would like it if different members would take on smaller sections. Alvina is taking on the Native Americans.

I am working the modern day dates and Bayshore Dates.

I need someone to review transportation dates, the churches, firehouse, Post Office etc... if everyone could just take one topic that they know a little about or have interest in, we can get this done. I personally don't have time to do it all. It's a group project that will go along way in our exhibits. The Timeline, in what ever state it is in, will be printed out for people to see when they visit in July. The donation box will be next to it so we can encourage donations towards the blow up. If I don't hear from you, I will start calling people :) File is attached again. THANK YOU!
It doesn't need to be completed by July but I need the various topics

assigned so we can print it yet this year. Maybe by Christmas.

Please stay continue to be safe. If anyone is in need please let someone know.

Special Thank you to Faye for the Treasurers Report and to Mary Linda for helping me with the group emails and putting the Minutes together....

Thank you, Rachel