

## **The Port Norris Historical Society**

**Meeting: July 13, 2021**

**Members Participation:** E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb., M. Golla, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith.

**Round Table:** Members shared their memories of growing up during the summer months.

**July Meeting:** The July agenda, June Secretary's minutes, and June Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on July 12th, 2021.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** Faye H. made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021, in-person meeting, with a second by Eileen B. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Available upon request.

**Donations:** No monetary donations were received during the month of June.

**Correspondence:** None reported

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Ginny C. reported we have 73 members to date.

**Collections:** Rachel C. and Pat S. met to go over the computer files, website, and documents.

**Welcome:** Faye H. and Pat S. visited several homes to distribute “welcome bags” to new residents of Commercial Township. They were able to meet two families (former Lemmie Robbins home and the home across from the cemetery on North Avenue). Donald Vineyard moved from Newport to Port Norris. They attempted to visit four other homes. They stated there are many new families moving into the area which they plan to contact.

**General Business:**

**Company** - Rachel Robbins Mertz and family are planning a visit to the building on July 16<sup>th</sup> to see the Peterson family schooner paintings. The family will bring items from their collections to donate to our building.

**Newsletter** – Rachel C. suggested changing the monthly newsletter to a seasonal one. A welcome to our new families that moved into the area is a possible feature.

**Building:** Dick S. reported the schooner paintings have been hung. The building now has running water. A special thank you to the Port Norris Road Crew for moving a large cabinet from the building to Rachel’s van.

**Soup Dinner:** Dick S. stated we needed to purchase enough ingredients to make 62 quarts of vegetable beef soup and 66 quarts of clam chowder. A letter was written to the manager of ShopRite requesting 20 pounds of beef. Seabrook Brothers and Sons will donate frozen vegetables for the beef soup. Sponsors who have committed are: Harbor House, Newcomb’s Market, Cumberland Dairy, WaWa, La Monica. There are (4) people who have donated money. Deadline for sales is two weeks prior to the day of the sale to allow ample time to purchase supplies and food items needed to make the soups. A limit of two quarts of each soup will be allowed

to be ordered. Liz H. will be the contact person for tallying the ticket sales. This will require keeping Liz updated with sales via email or phone calls. Soup pick-up will be on Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to make soups: vegetable beef on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and clam chowder on Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Oyster stew will be made on Saturday morning, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Additional details will be discussed at the picnic.

**Legends Awards:** Nominations were opened and presented from members in attendance, in addition to the nominations which were received online through our website. Alvina Baum, and Liz Hoffman were nominated by zoom meeting with Rachel C. Dick S, and Mary Linda L. at the meeting. Alvina and Liz agreed to accept the nominations as Living Legends 2022. Herb Lore sent an on-line nomination for Elizabeth Hoffman Lore, which was read. In person nominations were presented: Grace Lee by Dick Smith; Joe Dagastine by Mary Linda Lacotte; Amos Camper by Joe Lacotte. The names of Georgie Corona and Ed Cox, nominations from 2019, were also reviewed. Nominations will close on August 1<sup>st</sup>, with voting taking place at the next meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

**Annual Picnic:** The picnic will be held at the home of Mary Linda and Joe on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Dick suggested we honor Gail Penven for her support of the historical society in obtaining the \$250.00 grants. Over the years the historical society has received numerous grants. It was agreed a plaque and a plant would be presented to Gail during the picnic.

**Other Business/ Comments/ Suggestions:**

**Commercial Township Community Day:** A reminder of Community Day and Car Show to be held on the first Saturday in October. The historical society will have a table with items to sell, informational fliers and registration forms.

**PNHS Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in person at the headquarters building on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:00pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary