

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting

August 14, 2018

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

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve minutes was made by Joyce M., seconded by Sam R. and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel C. questioned the monthly gas bill charges, and Faye H. stated we have not used any heat during the last three months. The meter reading was not used as a basis for billing. The change in amounts could be a different number of days in each month so, the amount fluctuates each month. Since we are a non-profit organization, ask for a reduction in charges. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Liz H., seconded by Joe L.; approved unanimously.

Donations: Faye reported we received a donation from Donna Bailey in honor of her aunt, Alvina Baum.

Correspondence: Alvina B. circulated a thank you card received from Donna Bailey for the package of PNHS items, Ginny C. sent. Faye presented news of a response from the Gorham, New York Historical Society. A newsletter article containing information about Josiah Davies, AKA George Sye Reddy was shared. A thank you to our treasurer was noted. Rachel shared photos of

the 1950 flood, Drew used in documentary, "Tidal Wave over PN".

Committee Reports:

Collections: Robin Berry reported the following donations:

- (1) A water barrel from Eileen B. and Robin B. great-grandfather's oyster boat donated by Rachel Robbins Mertz.
- (2) Liz H. brought an adding machine donated by John and Rita C. Hoffman from the Capaldi Farm.
- (3) A reproduction of an 1876 Cumberland County Combination Atlas donated by Joan Robbins.
- (4) A poem book with pictures of Louise Moore donated by Rose Vick.
- (5) Printed documents and school pictures from Doris Moore by Faye Hickman.
- (6) Display cabinet donated by Mauricetown Historical Society. Robin's sons assisted Dick S. with moving the cabinet.

Rachel showed a map of streets and buildings of Mauricetown, printed by the Mauricetown Historical Society. It was mentioned as a possible project for PNHS to consider later.

Membership: Ginny C. - No changes to report with membership numbers.

Cookbook: Eileen Bernhardt, Robin Berry, Gloria Guidera, and Rachel Cobb are meeting after the regular meeting adjourns. Committee would like to have new Legends cookbooks available for purchase at the Legends Awards luncheon in November.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam Ricci reported updates on the new Chamber sign. Seth B. stated cost for printing of signs is \$2485.00 with vinyl letters costing an additional \$200.00. The Chamber is awaiting approval from Bivalve Packing and Cape May Oyster for names to be printed on the sign. A letter of permission from the Cumberland County Department of Public Works is needed to receive the permits necessary for installation of the sign. National Night Out was held at the Charles Sheppard Center in Haleyville on August 7th. Chamber has scheduled a Clean-up for Nov. 17th. Contributions for Fireworks for Bay Day 2019 are being accepted. Megan Wren is revising the by-laws with possible changes to be made. Quotes are being obtained for liability insurance. Seth B. is working on the chamber website, which is chamberbythebay.org. Next meeting to be held in September.

Welcome Committee: Pat S., Faye H. Faye reported (4) welcome bags were distributed on July 9th. Houses visited were the Capaldi homestead, the red house on Chestnut St., the Garrison home on High St., and Hickman house on corner of Dragston Road. There was no one home at the Danna house and no answer at the Methodist parsonage. Also, the manager of Wa-Wa has moved into Dominick Capaldi's house.

Legends Luncheon – Mary Linda L., Liz H., Faye H., Ginny C., Joyce M. Two photographs depicting Port Norris of yesterday, one of Main Street and the other of men working on an oyster

boat, were presented by Rachel C. to active members in an e-mail message in preparation for a vote to be taken at this meeting. The Main Street photograph was selected by a unanimous vote of those present to be featured on the front of this year's Legends invitation. A Legends awards invitation will be posted on-line, open to the public. Rachel needs the correct spellings for the honorees as they should appear on the invitations. An order for 175 invitations will be placed as soon as all information is received. Small RSVP envelopes will be ordered from Amazon.com. Rachel will compose and send via email to all who need donations letters for the Chinese auction items. Mary Linda L. was asked to chair the event.

General Business:

September meeting – John Laws will attend for a signing of his book, 80 Years of Memories with My 1938 International. If the fire truck is running, rides may be available. A motion was made by Ginny C. and seconded by Robin B. with a unanimous vote to purchase a copy of his book at a cost of \$35.00 for the PNHS.

Plastic Bags – Alvina reported for Dick S. For the collection of 500 pounds of plastic bags, the PNHS will be eligible to receive a free bench. Our collection period will begin in October and continue for a period of six months. Sam R. said that he has over 500 lbs. of bags he would donate. A discussion of possible locations to place the bench followed, with a suggestion of placing the bench at Memorial Ave. A motion to register and commence the collection of bags was made by Ginny C. and seconded by Joyce M., with a unanimous vote taken.

Memorial Pictures – The PNHS will present a framed photograph to active members of the organization who have immediate family that has passed away. Rachel C. will provide the photograph of a scene selected by the individual member. Those who will receive a framed photograph and plaque in memory of their loved ones are: Joyce M., Sam R., Mary Linda L., and Gloria G.

Statuette - Deborah Waddington Smith is selling statuette of the statue that was to be part of the Watermen's Memorial. Each original signed piece of art can be purchased for \$350.00. It was suggested that the statuette would be a symbol of the five years of work the PNHS has contributed to the Watermen's Memorial project. The purchase of the statuette was made by a person who wishes to remain anonymous in memory of family members.

Scarecrows – Members agreed to join with the Commercial Township Senior Center in making scarecrows for display on Main Street in Port Norris for a second year. Rachel C. will contact Cindy T. and schedule a date in October.

Art Fest/Greenwich – It was decided to pass this year due to no volunteers available on September 24, and 25th.

PNHS items for purchase – Rachel C.'s sister is willing to sell our items at her shop located in the Amish Market in Hopewell Township. Tom Hollinger will have a new "Penciling" book and will donate all proceeds to the PNHS. For selling the items and collecting the sales tax, Rachel's sister will add a small charge to the cost of the item. She has offered to sell our cookbooks also.

Picnic in August – PNHS picnic is scheduled for Saturday,

August 25, on the grounds of Mary Ella Morie's home in Mauricetown. It was suggested that everyone bring the same food item as last year. Rachel C. will send an email of the list from the previous year as a reminder. There will be no business conducted.

Website – Rachel C. has completed a new PNHS website. There will now be a memorial section with a memorial page including an obituary and pictures of townspeople. This section will be a tribute to all who have a story, but have not been honored as a PNHS Legend.

Other Business comments and concerns: This is the last week for the ancestry displays at the Bayshore Center. A thank-you to Bob Hoffman for mowing the lawn.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary