

Port Norris Historical Society
September 11,2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by VP Rachel Cobb. President Dom Capaldi was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.

Attending were: Ed & Kelli Adams, Rev. Ernest Barnes, Alvina Baum, Rachel Cobb, Anna DeFabritis, Joanne Hickman, Liz Hoffman, Cathy Orr and Richard Smith.

The minutes were approved as e-mailed with the changing of the donor of the safe to Mr. Joe Graves. Walt Kunkle moved the safe and donated his services. Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Walt and a free membership through the end of 2013 as a token of appreciation.

Treasurers report was submitted and is on file. Balance in checking is \$7,002.28 and in Capital Fund \$2,779.78 Motion approved to accept.

There was an expense of \$48.00 for the framing of the old maps. Ginny Campbell saw to the project and personally donated one half the cost. Thank you Ginny.

Rachel showed her very own copy of an old map, a gift from her father.

Liz still has articles for the society and needs to have a place to put them Joanne received a request for membership from Richard Thorpe from Jim Thorpe, PA. She sent him a membership card. She doesn't know anything about him.

Membership letter should be sent to everyone who has ever attended a meeting. Try to generate some interest with a newsletter. Membership runs from January to December; however, if someone joins after June, the membership will run through the end of the following year. We need to bolster our membership.

National Night Out- Alvina & Joanne explained the question & answer sheets used for information. One little girl named Brianna Paterson from Millville won. Her mother lives in Millville. Questions on web-site? Find way to list answers also. Good for interaction.

Legends nominations: Pre-1850 Captain James Elwood- past business owner along with his wife. So far Rachel nominated Edward Bailey Cobb sail maker 1872-1956, Dick submitted four names, pre 1850 –Richard Robbins - 1890, Ed Warren 1877- Isadore Goldblatt died in 1960 Alvina submitted Sam Riley.

Living: Clarence Berry, John Laws, Attrew Gross and Vertie Kunkle
Goal is three pre-1850, three deceased (20th century), and three living. Working from list of last year – John Laws, Verti Kunkle, Fred Smith, Attrew Gross. Rev Barnes will bring back a form on Attrew. Alvina will make a nominations form for October meeting.

Discussed date and plans for Legends dinner. It was agreed on the date of Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Women's Club. Liz will contact Stacy to see about catering. Rent for Women's Club is \$175 with additional \$25 for table setup. Try to secure Women's Club for Dinner. Race track restaurant was also mentioned. Motion made by Dick Smith, seconded, all in agreement. Liz will contact Stacy. There were three choices and a vegetarian. Price has been \$40.00 per person. The three living legends and a guest are our guests. 6 free tickets.

Scrapbooks are again depleted and Eddie has permission to order more. Can Donna and Steve help with allowing us to have or use the molds that were used as awards? Check with Bridgeton Trophy regarding an acrylic award? Rev Barnes suggested that we use conference calls if needed to discuss details of the dinner. He will bring the information to the next meeting.

Rachel submitted a business card sample for us and permission was given to order 250 of them.

Rachel has been working on the web-site. Discussed membership forms. Tabled until next time. Brochures are top on the list to perhaps be available for the dinner. Joanne volunteered to print enough for that event. Then send out the printing.

Old Business: IRS form 990-N for 2012 was completed with the help of Donna Moore. Must be renewed annually to keep non-profit status.

Dick Smith : John Laws has dropped the price of his building to \$10,000 . He knows we do not have the money but it is possible he will work with us. It was felt that the purchase would be a good move if we can get grants/capital funds. We are more apt to get grants if we have a building. Agreed to try to get Megan Wren to speak to us in October regarding grants and money making ventures.
Dick will tell John Laws that the purchase is under serious consideration. We are a tax free organization so the property would not be taxed.

Rachel reviewed the new web site. Rachel's sister Lisa has worked intensively on the web-site. She had many more ideas to work on to make this a very interactive and interesting site. Includes search engines. She is looking for any comments or suggestions, spell checks, etc. Rachel was thanked for doing a fabulous job. Current information is also missing. Rachel took early information regarding the beginning of the Society. Liz has the tape of the very first meetings. Can store documents on server – not for public view- for safe keeping. Great resource for us if we make full use of it. Joanne Hickman and Rachel will work on getting Paypal active for web-site use. We still need more copies of the Lena Hanby and the other CDs. Rachel will e-mail Donna. The e-mail address is forwarded to Donna Moore's at the present time. It can be redirected. One e-mail will be forwarded to the current secretary, another to Rachel.

Boscov's Friends Day- too late for this year. Possibility for fundraiser for next year. Work on Maurice River Boat tour as fund raiser for next year.

Meeting adjourned.

Alvina Baum Secretary