

# The Port Norris Historical Society

## General Meeting

September 12, 2017

Attending: Rev Barnes A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R Cobb, G. Guidera, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M. Lacotte, J, Massey, J. Robbins

Guests: Barney Hollinger, Sr, Bob Hoffman Sr., Roseann Dagastine.

Following an interesting round table discussion featuring Barney Hollinger Sr, about Port Norris and oystering in it's heyday, to which several people including Rev. Barnes contributed, the meeting was called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of minutes: Change "motion" to "suggestion" by Rachel to name the room upstairs the Louise Mints & Alex Ogden Library. Also refer to our building as the Port Norris Historical Society Meeting Hall from now on. Both were approved.

Treasurers report: Reviewed by Liz Hoffman. Approved. Report on File.

Donation of \$100 by Leslie Ficcaglio per Rachel.

Correspondence; Michael Santiago -Wanted to know about the first black teachers in Port Norris, According to Rev. Barnes, they were Mary Gould and Mary Brown. Lisa Vickers e-mailed to say she would be in the area in October . If she calls, someone can meet her there and show her how the Meeting Hall looks while under construction.

Membership: Ginny Campbell reports 87 members at present.

Collections : Robin Berry. Nothing new to report.

Legend's Cookbooks Eileen B and Gloria G will stay after the meeting to consult with Rachel.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Discussing Business Road Sign. We will pay to have our name on the sign.

No report. Sam Ricci away.

Announcements:

Mentioned the Greenwich Art Festival if anyone can attend. Maybe next year to partner with Mauricetown for the two days gives us opportunity to sell our.items

Rev Barnes showed publicity regarding the anniversary celebration of his church on October 21st. Will try to attend. Congratulations to both Rev. Barnes and his church.

Rachel attended the East Point Light house restoration celebration and said it was a great day.

General Business:

Reported on the Round table meeting held Mauricetown HS of Mauricetown, Maurice River Heritage Commision, East Point Lighthouse, Bayshore and Port Norris exchanged ideas about working together and interacting on some programs and projects.,

Rachel and Alvina attended. Several good ideas were discussed.

This Thursday the Cumberland County Cultural &Heritage Commission will hold a meeting at Cumberland County College. Discussing Innovative ways to approach house and museum tours into the future. Alvina will go.

General Business:

Scarecrow Meeting firm date of October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. All interested participants should plan to attend from 10am til noon. Susan Zipper will also be helping. Really mostly need things to tie clothing on the scarecrows.

Waterman's Memorial: Is experiencing some changes. Rachel will report after the next meeting.

Mauricetown HS has invited us to prepare supper of soup and sandwiches to sell at the Firehall on the evening of The House Tour on December 9. We will make and sell to keep the profits, also can sell our items there.

We must do all cooking and preparing in the kitchen at the Fire Hall. We also must decide what to serve and how it will be prepared. If one soup is vegetable, there needs to be part made with meat and part vegetarian. Also suggested clam chowder and chicken soup. Agreed.

Meerwald Sail ticket count: Need to know who has what and how many tickets are sold. Tickets seem to be selling fairly well.

In his absence, Dick wrote a report on the progress in the building including progress by Mike Vizzard. Electric all roughed in. Inspection to be done on Wednesday Sept 13, then outlet covers and fixtures will be installed. Mike is also

installing the service station light donated by John Laws and refurbished by Ray O'Brien.

Alan Horseman has studded the walls and framed out the door to the heater room and bathroom area to make ADA compliant.

Guy Chamberlain installed duct work in heater room and bathroom. He will hook up heater in it's new location. Also needs new drain for condensation. Then he will refit new gas line and turn the gas back on.

Payment: Alan has been paid to date while Mike was given a \$1500 draw towards the final bill.

Township has okayed another road cleanup. Schedule in early October.

Legends Dinner: Invitations will be ready while Rachel is away. Goal for mailing is first week in October. Mary Linda volunteered to print address labels. To go Legends and past Legends as well as all members. Also, Mauricetown HS and Township officials.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Alvina Baum, Secretary