

Port Norris Historical Society

Regular Meeting, Sept. 14, 2010

Present

Trustees: Ed Adams, Steve Moore, Olin McConnell

Officers: Liz Hoffman, Donna Moore, Joanne Hickman

June minutes sent out.

Treasurer's report- \$2,732.87 in account, expenses included pictures for the Port Norris Middle School project.

Steve Moore suggested that we meet at the Port Norris school next meeting so everyone can see the pictures.

Liz said she received stock certificates and 2 file cabinets from Sun Bank when they closed, as well as the picture that the Society donated to the bank.

Richard Smith suggested that the Society write a letter to the owner of Sun Bank to ask them to donate the building. Donna asked to wait 6 months to see if another bank would be interested in taking over the bank.

Liz showed framed photos of the stained glass windows at the Methodist Church that Rachel Cobb did for a show at Gallery 50 on Commerce Street in Bridgeton.

Bill Veach from Delmont donated several items, including a High School reunion program. Liz asked if they could be put into the display case at township hall.

Donna said she sent a letter to state agency New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Financing about the Palomino, asking to discuss a possible donation of the property to the Society. She has heard nothing back but will contact them again.

Donna brought up the possibility of applying for a Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Grant. Suggestions for the grant included a celebration on the 200th anniversary of the naming of Port Norris, and historical markers to educate the public on places such as Shellpile, Bivalve and Peak of the Moon.

Legends of Port Norris – We discussed nomination for Legends of Port Norris. After discussion the list was narrowed down to:

Living Legends

Tom Beauchamp

Clarence Berry

Louis Capaldi

Lee Robbins

Walt Rudolph
Barry Ballard
John Laws
Verti Kunkle

20th Century Legends
Fred Smith
Rebecca Lore
Tony Ogden
Isidore Gladblatt
Sheriff Bill Riggan
Phil Capaldi
Joe Newcomb
Jack Carney

Debbie Peacock presented a write-up she did from the book “1896 Biographical Review” on the Lore family, dating from the early 1800s. We will use this for our Historical Legend nomination.

Legend ballots will be emailed to the group. Voting will also take place at the Oct. meetings. The dinner is Sunday, Nov. 21.

Liz brought up the abandoned African American cemetery in Haleyville. Ed Adams discussed the overgrown condition of the cemetery. Bill Morrison said he would like to work with Ed on coming up with a plan for restoring it. It was decided that this would fit into the mission of the Society and we would like to proceed with a plan.

The Mauricetown Christmas Candlelight House Tour is Saturday Dec. 11 from 4 – 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

Olin said the he was participating in an oyster related display at Burton Plumbing and Hardware in Bridgeton, possibly beginning on Oct. 16.

Bill Morrison said that there was going to be a lot of Port Norris related items auctioned off on Sept. 22 in Pole Tavern Grange Hall. The items are from Ken Robbins on Main Street.

Next regular meeting, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. – Legends of Port Norris announced
Next trustee meeting, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Legends of Port Norris dinner – Nov. 21

