

The Port Norris Historical Society

Meeting September 5, 2020

Member Present: E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, D. Cobb, N. Cobb, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, A. Lore, K. Lore, J. Lore, J. Massey, G. Penven, J. Robbins, D. Smith, P. Smith, R. Smith.

Meeting - Rachel Cobb, President, opened the meeting held at the home of Joe and Mary Linda Lacotte, following the annual picnic gathering.

Review of Meeting Minutes: There were no minutes presented for approval. Minutes will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ricci, having accepted the position of Treasurer, was recognized as the new officer. Liz Hoffman will assist Sam with various responsibilities, as Co-Treasurer. Rachel thanked Faye H. for her service to the Board as the former Treasurer. Faye will remain a trustee. The June 2020 Treasurer's report by Faye H. was emailed to active members. Included in the report was a breakdown of receipts, including donations, and (2) new members. Disbursements included monthly utility bills, and paint supplies to Rachel C. The Treasurer's report, as emailed, was approved by the unanimous vote of members.

Donations: Monetary -Donna Bailey donated in memory of her brother, Craig, and her parents. Rachel Cobb donated in memory of Sue Cobb Morgan. Norman Cobb donated in memory of Bill Lee. Two new members joined and we received \$6.86 from Amazon Smile.

Recognitions: Perennial Flowers were presented to Robin B. in recognition of receiving her Bachelor's Degree. Joe and Mary Linda L. were thanked for hosting the annual picnic.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dispensed with report

Collections –Dispensed with report.

General Business:

Legends Nominations – Rachel C. In lieu of not having a Legends Awards function this year, Rachel C. suggested placing a message on the website that donations would be accepted.

Members decided to keep the limit the number of Legends Awards to three residents from the past century. Nominations for Legends Honorees this year are: Samuel Lake

Samuel Shinn

Dr. E. B. Bradford

A motion was made by John H. and seconded by Dick S. to accept the nominations. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. All award honorees will have their biographical/anecdotal information presented on our website and newsletter.

Celebration: 130 Year Anniversary - In honor of the anniversary and on behalf of the members of the historical society, Rachel C. presented Dick Smith with a plaque and a banner. At a meeting in early 2020, the members decided to name the building in Dick's honor. Our building will now be known as **the “Headquarters of the PNHS, Richard W. Smith Meeting Hall.”**

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

OCTOBER 13 MEETING

Please Vote for Minutes Send an email with edits and comments by Tues, 10/20 so we can move things forward. Please reply ALL.

November meeting. We would like to try a in building November meeting ONLY if the CDC requirements hold. It will be planned buit could be cancelled at the last minute if things change. No one should feel obligated, ONLY if you are comfortable. We will send out an email with the details closer to the time. The meeting would be recorded for those not in attendance.

Review of August meeting minutes: Mary Linda L.

Attached - Vote required

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ricci

We will review in November

We did receive a donation from Donna Bailey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Ginny C.

Currently we have 78 Members

Collections - Pat S.

We have many new items for review once we are back in the building. Books, pictures, uniform etc....

GENERAL BUSINESS

Scarecrows

We have been asked to do 1 scarecrow for out front of our building. I will gather items up this weekend. This is part of a bigger town effort by the Commercial Township Recreation Committee. Each business is being asked to do one for Nov 1.

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LEGENDS AWARDS

The Legends will be announced to the public first week of November much like the Legends Awards time. We have voted on these historic figures. Samuel Lake, Samuel Shinn and Dr. Bradford. Details coming soon.

DELAWARE WATERMEN'S CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 1st from 3-4:00 at the Bayshore Center there will be a Annual Watermen's Memorial Ceremony. Pastor McBride and Rev. Clyde Phillips have confirmed. Lois Smith and Biggie Whittington will each sing a song. We will also read the name and we can read Alvina's poem that is on the sign. I have heard from a few. If you can help with reading names let me know. It will be outside. See next page for invite.

MISC:

Our front door has been weather proofed by Plowman's and Dick has been giving it a fresh coat of paint.

We have 2 bound books of the Advertiser. Late 1920's early 1930's. I am photographing each page to capture the historical pieces. I have completed 1 book so far.

Heater has been checked for Winter. Good to go as needed.

Please stay safe. If anyone is in need please let someone know.

Special Thank you to Mary Linda for helping me with the group emails and putting the Minutes together....

Thank you, Rachel

Delaware Bay Watermen's Memorial

Contemplation ~ Reflection ~ Remember the Past ~ Envision the Future



Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1st

3pm to 4pm

Bayshore Center at Bivalve

2800 High Street, Port Norris

856-785-2060

Please join the Bayshore Center at Bivalve, the McBride Family Oyster Enterprises and the Port Norris Historical Society, in commemorating the lives of those who made their living on the water and who lost their lives in the process.