

The Port Norris Historical Society
Email Meeting January 12, 2021

Member Email Responses: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Massey, M. Moore, L. Reaves, D. Smith, P. Smith, R. Smith.

December Meeting: The January agenda, December Secretary's minutes, and Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on January 11, 2021.

Review of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the December 2020 email meeting were approved by the unanimous vote of members who replied by email.

Treasurer's Report: The January Treasurer's report for the month of December was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R. and emailed to active members. Receipts in the amount of \$ 1,343.07 include \$1150.00 in membership dues and \$193.00 from Pay Pal account. Disbursements totaled \$1,990.62 including monthly utility bills (\$78.62), and Mints Insurance (\$1,912.00). The Treasurer's report, as emailed, was approved by the unanimous vote of members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: G. Campbell. Ginny sent an email to remind all members the 2021 membership fees are due. All membership dues will be received via postal mail due to the COVID restrictions.

Passing of Members: It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of 2019 Living Legend Irene Green. Also, a former Port Norris resident, John Lee passed away recently. Although moving to Maryland, he continued to support the PNHS. Both members will be missed.

Election of 2021 Officers and Trustees: Voting by email was held December 30th through January 8th with the following officers and Trustees unanimously elected for the 2021 year:

Vice President - Dick Smith
Treasurer - Sam Ricci
Co-Treasurer - Liz Hoffman
Trustee - Faye Hickman
Trustee - John Hickman

Effective January 1, 2021, Officers of the Port Norris Historical Society are:

President - Rachel Cobb
Vice President - Dick Smith
Secretary - Alvina Baum
Assist. Secretary - Mary Linda Lacotte
Treasurer - Sam Ricci
Co-Treasurer - Liz Hoffman

Trustees for 2021 are:

Eileen Bernhardt
Virginia Campbell
Gloria Guidera
Faye Hickman
John Hickman
Joyce Massey
Rev. E. Barnes, Lifetime Honorary Trustee

General Business:

Inspection: The insurance company conducted an inspection of our building as was mentioned in the December agenda. They are asking us to find a solution to cover the openings around the base of the building. Rachel informed the insurance company we were aware of the issue and would follow through.

Seed Swap: Although it is not possible to host the Seed Swap this year, Rachel has a tub of packaged seeds that cannot be held over for another year. If the weather permits, she would like to do a pop up table at the building in early February to just give out the seeds we have. It would not be an official event.

Soup Dinner: The March Soup Dinner is postponed. As this is a main source of fundraising income, members will need to have a discussion to determine the feasibility of holding a Takeout only event later this year.

Dehumidifier – The building is too damp which causes problems for the collections as well as the building. Rachel asked for volunteers to research information in order to purchase a humidifier that would be energy efficient, yet large enough to suit our needs. The most difficult part of the installation will be allowing for drainage to the outside.

Projects: Rachel asked for anyone that has been working on our other projects, such as the Timeline, to send her updates. She has been working on Google docs and setting it up to be available for our use with business documents relating to the PNHS.

Collections: We continue to add new items to our collections. Thanks to Dick we now have the pot belly wood stove from the Robbinstown School! Rachel included photos of the stove in its temporary location in the building. A decision on a permanent place will be made later.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

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Review of January meeting minutes: Mary Linda L.
Attached - Vote required

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ricci
Attached - Vote requires

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Membership: Ginny C.

It is time to renew your membership. It is so important, that we continue to support all that we have worked for. Please renew if you have not.

Collections: Pat Smith

We have a new item. Not photographed yet. Joan Robbins wanted the hand sewn flag that flew on the David Robbins Schooner to go to the PNHS. It is 15 ft x 5 ft. AND it was hand sewn by Ed Cobb. The plan is to photograph it to hang and we will put the real flag in a display case. All to be discussed. We are so pleased to have this treasure. Our museum is coming together in grand style. Thank you to Joan and the Robbins family.

SEED SWAP SEEDS

The weather is holding me up. It will be a pop up event.... table at the building and just give out the seeds we have. No event, nothing fancy just a table and seeds.

I'll keep you posted.

SOUP DINNER

Not now, will wait a little while yet.

Event? Do we want to try and participate. We never have. A Day at the Farm at the Pennsville Township Historical Society property to be held on Saturday, June 5th, from 11 am to 3 pm. They were unable to hold the event last year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. They are optimistic about this year's event, but plans may change due to Covid 19 restrictions.

DEHUMIDIFIER

Thank you to Skip Campbell he is doing the research for us

PROJECTS

If anyone has been has been working on any of our other project the such as the Timeline please send me an update.

Robin reports back she is working on her section of the timeline.
Thank you!!

New project. Rachel and Chet Mertz have offered to pay for prints of the 2 Peterson Paintings of the Emma Peterson. Below. They would like to make copies for their family, they are related. And they will pay for extra prints for us to sell. I am thinking we do a limited edition. What do you think? Suggest Size 11 x 14.

Also the will pay for notes cards as well. Let's discuss. They would like to complete this project soon.



JOAN ROBBINS

As you all know we lost our dear friend and member Joan Robbins. With Dick's help we are doing a special newsletter on the Robbins family Legacy. Joan's children are writing up history and sharing images of the family and of Joan and Dave. This will be a special tribute.

I want to include a round table of members thoughts and stories.
Please email me or call me with anything you would like to share.

It could be late Feb but most like be a March newsletter. It will be larger than normal. rcobb455@gmail.com or 856 455 2564

THE PLATE

The majority liked this idea and I bought the blue one. Less \$\$ and I understand the pink one is more common. Please keep this in mind if you can contribute to it. Thank you to those who have.

The total was 184. with tax and shipping.
Here is the plate.

We will make a sign

From the Members of the PNHS
In loving memory of our member
Joan Robbins 2021

Feel free to suggest wording. Thanks This is the actual plate. I will bring it to the building soon.



Thank you, Rachel