

Port Norris Historical Society
October 14, 2014

Attending: Rev. Barnes, A. Baum, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Donohue, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman
P. Moore, S. Ricci, Guest Bob Moore

Meeting called to order by Rachel Cobb.

Motion to approve minutes as e-mailed by Ginny Campbell, second by Joanne Hickman.
Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. It includes the roof money.
Motion to approve: Alvina Baum, second Ginny Campbell. Treasurer's Report approved.

Correspondence: None

Donation: We have received a donation of a heater from Bill Morrison. Dick will ask Guy if it can be used to heat the second floor. It is stored in the back room. Deed of Gift to be filled out and thank you to be sent. This donation was prompted by the newspaper article about the roof. Note: This is the first meeting in the building since the roof was replaced on the last week of September. The following week an article with pictures was published in the Daily Journal. Several copies of the paper are being kept.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Ginny Campbell Number staying around 51 . Two new members Barbara Scudder, and the possibility of Gloria Guidera. Need to check Frank Donohue's e-mail address . It has not changed. Rachel is working on a Pickins handout for the legends dinner. That handout will feature a membership form.

Cookbook Committee: Eileen has not been feeling well. Robin is working with her to try to get the process started.

Collections Committee: Joanne Hickman brought in a box from the Ross and Martha Robbins house. It contains pictures, bottles, wallpaper. Bob Moore, from Mauricetown, came as a guest and brought a vintage Bible from an anonymous donor. The Bible has no identifying information. The committee will call a meeting to deal with the new items.

NEW BUSINESS:

December Reception for Window Donors: Plaques are ready to be finalized. Just making sure there are funds in the treasury to pay for them. Rachel will order them.

Decided to decorate the building and hold a holiday open house on Sunday afternoon, December 7th. at 3pm . Will provide punch, warm drink and cookies. Rev. Barnes will try to be here to do the blessing. Details to be finalized at November meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Greenwich two day event went very well. Thanks to Pat Moore and her husband for set up and take down. There was great visitation from people who knew Port Norris one way or another. It was a very pleasant day and nice to spend time there making contacts. Everyone seemed to have a story about the town. The sales totaled \$ 193 and we have been invited back. Rachel has ideas for next year to get kids involved.

Yard Sale items have been packed up and are in the back room. Possibly move upstairs after it is cleaned up.

Roof: We were "twiced blessed" - Brighty Taylor sub contracted to Babbitt at his price. It is finished and looks great. They did not charge for extra repairs and donated a new half round down spout.

Computer- Eileen Bernhardt has contributed a computer and she needs us to bring it to the building. There is electric upstairs and the second floor does not need too much work to become an office.

Rachel wants to start a monthly news letter and will need help with that. She wants it to go to more than just the members around the first of the month. We will be using the lists that we gather at various events.

Sympathy policy for a family member or someone close to a Board Member.

We need a policy. Rachel suggested a photographic memorial. Society will pay the expenses. Suggest always send a card to neighbors but when the people who sit at the table suffer a loss We should send a thoughtful gift. Motion to accept by Liz Hoffman, second by Pat Moore. Motion passed to establish policy.

Legends dinner:

Explained the concept to Frank Donohue.

Nice affair – it could be called our "Friend Raiser" since not a lot of money is made.

Rachel will make arrangements to take the photos of Ed Horseman, Anna Mae Young and Sandora King.

Decided not to pay off John Laws at the dinner should do it at the Open House on December 7th.

Program duties will be shared. Items for silent and Chinese auctions were discussed. We need to have a quick meeting just to finalize the program and plans for the dinner. Special meeting 6pm on October 30.

Decided brown and orange for napkin colors.

Pens have arrived to be used as favors at table for legends. Coffee labels, school not able to do. Rachel will design a label using our existing logo. "Coffee Jones special blend". She will send to coffee company and it will be ready for Legends dinner. Order 18 bags (3 cartons) to get us thru the holidays. Motion made and approved to purchase coffee.

We have more business cards, passed out to members.

Bob Moore discussed ways in which we can share information. He spoke about the loss of Irene Ferguson and how that has affected them. He also offered to come and show us the photo show from the beginning of the Mauricetown Historical Society. We can learn from each other. They are working on their collections policy.

We have been invited to the Bailey Reunion at Dividing Creek.

Rachel's sister found an article on ancestry.com about the Cobb brothers. It also contains information about Jacob C. Shinn. Rachel will get the information on the web site.

Rachel and her Dad picked up the remaining tin from the roof. It is stored in her barn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Alvina Baum
Recording Secretary