

The Port Norris Historical Society

Monthly Meeting

November 12, 2024

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, D. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, J. Elwell, G. Guidera, B. Hall, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, M. L. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Maddox, J. Massey, S. Ricci, P. Smith, R. Smith.

October Meeting: The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, commencing at 6:35 p.m., with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and with the Secretary being present.

Review of Minutes: The October 2024 minutes and the agenda of the November 2024 meeting were emailed to members on November 11, 2024.

Gloria Guidera motioned to approve the emailed minutes of the October 8, 2024, meeting, seconded by * and unanimously approved by members present.

*No name in notes for second and voice not identifiable on recording. Name will be added as a correction.

Treasurer's Report: The October 2024 Treasurer's report was emailed to the PNHS Board members on November 7, 2024. Faye Hickman motioned to accept the report, seconded by Pat Smith. The motion was approved by Board members present and will be filed for audit.

Announcements: Faye Hickman announced she has tickets available for a holiday wreath to be raffled with all ticket sale monies going to the Kenny Smith family, Port Norris residents, whose home was destroyed by a fire. The wreath was made by Jeanie Mazzola with Joanne Hickman organizing the tickets sales. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. Monetary donations will be collected also.

Correspondence: Gloria Guidera had no correspondence to report.

Membership: Virginia Campbell, chairperson, stated the number of members remains at fifty-nine (59). Membership dues for 2025 are due in January.

Collections: Pat Smith reported several items have been donated by BJ Tomlin (Webb). A photograph of the Robbins Homestead, a photo of the 1919 graduating class of Port Norris High School, and a Cradle Roll certified from the Port Norris Baptist Church of BJ's father, Harry Webb.

Rachel Robbins Mertz, former Port Norris resident, donated a photograph of a Millville High School Senior Class Trip to Washington, D.C. with many Port Norris residents in the picture.

Pat S. suggested the Collections Team meet soon.

Soup Dinner Fundraiser Summary: A summary of the Soup Dinner was presented by Treasurer, Joyce Massey, and President, Rachel Cobb. Total monies received were \$6,188.00; expenses were \$608.14. Total profit was reported as \$5,569.86. An itemized report will be attached to the minutes.

Building Insurance: Correspondence was received from William Mints Insurance Agency requesting an increase to the value of insurance coverage for the PNHS building. As per their letter, the agency recommended to increase the value of the building to \$500,000.00. This would increase the annual payment to approximately \$5,000.00, doubling the current payment. It was agreed to contact the insurance agency as this increase is not affordable.

Commercial Township Basket Tree: It is possible to re-purpose our basket from last year, with a payment of \$25.00 to the Commercial Township Recreation Committee.

Nominations for PNHS Officers for 2025: Appreciation was expressed to Joyce Massey as Treasurer and to Faye Hickman as Vice-President both of whom served for a two year term. For the next two year term, beginning in January 2025, Faye H. and Joyce M. will switch positions. Chairperson, Joyce M., read the slate of PNHS officers for the 2025-2027 term.

2024 Election Nominees

PNHS Officers:

Vice-President – Joyce Massey
Treasurer – Faye Hickman
Co-Treasurer – Elizabeth Hoffman

Trustees:

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| John Hickman | Dean Berry |
| Sam Ricci | Robin Berry |
| | John Maddox |

Honorary Trustee: Dick Smith

A motion to accept the Slate of Officers as nominated was made by Virginia Campbell, seconded by Joyce Massey. Elections will be held during the December meeting of the PNHS, December 10, 29024.

Legends 2025: Mary Linda Lacotte, chairperson, announced the nominations received for 2025 Legend, including the names of nominees from last year who were not selected as Legends for 2024 and were rolled over for consideration this year.

Copies of nominees' forms were distributed to members and read aloud by the chairperson, M.L. Lacotte.

Living Legends Nominees

Hattie Lewis
Meghan Wren

Historical Nominee

A.J. Kelberg

21st Century Nominees

John Franklyn Hickman
Jeanne E. Lewis
Leon and Mary Carolyn "Pat" Robbins

2024 Rollover Nominees

Eric "Ricky" Bateman
John" Bobby Bateman
Sheppard Lewis Lore

Members present unanimously approved the 2025 Legends nominees. The Legends Committee will meet to review all nominations to verify that every nominee qualifies based on the criteria. In addition, the committee will determine the number of Legends to be honored for each category. Honorees will be announced during the December 10th meeting.

Comments: Rachel Cobb stated the December meeting will be brief to allow for social time with friendship and refreshments. Business to be conducted will be limited to election of officers and announcement of Legends 2025. Any members who wish to contribute to the refreshments would be appreciated.

Rachel C. plans to hang newly purchased curtains next week. Members are encouraged to assist with decorating the building for the holidays. Rachel will send out an email once a date has been selected.

John Cornish III has written and published a book regarding history of Shell Pile.

The was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. The next meeting of the PNHS will be held on December 10, 2024, at 6:30p.m

Mary Linda Lacotte,
Recording Secretary