

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting

November 13, 2018

Attending: E. Barnes, A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J.Lacotte, S. Ricci., J. Robbins, P. Smith, R. Smith.

A sharing time with memories of Legend Walt Rudolph, who passed away recently, preceded the business meeting. Members contributed stories about Walt's amazing memory. Highlights of his clock and watch repair business and his antique business.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of Meeting Minutes: There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve minutes was made by Ginny C., seconded by Alvina B., and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Faye reported a donation from Donna Bailey. Sales from cookbooks and scrapbooks, Amazon Smile, and membership were received. Bills paid for plaques and to Accuprint for books, in addition to utilities payments. We received a credit from South Jersey Gas in the amount of \$31.59. In addition, a Federal Tax Reform Credit of \$82.18 was received with our gas bill. Rachel C. explained the bill for the Legends Honoree plaques included a charge for the Watermen's statuette plaque. By combining the two orders, shipping charges were less. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dick S., with a second made by Pat S. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dick publicly thanked Faye for her time and efforts.

Donations: Alvina B. stated we received Legends donations from Pat Moore and Stewart Polhamus. A donation from Donna Bailey was received in memory of her mother. Merchandise in the amount of \$240.00 has been sold at Rachel's sister's store.

Correspondence: Alvina B. sent a thank-you to Pat (Carney) Cavendar for all the work and information she donated to the PNHS. A note was received from the Sutton family thanking us for all the organization has done for Walt Rudolph over the years.

By-Laws Amendments – Rachel C. stated that all Board of Trustee members have signed the Amendment to Article IV, Section I and the Amendment to Article IV, which were voted on by both the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting and the members at the regular monthly October 9th.

Committee Reports:

Collections: Nothing to report

Membership: Ginny C. reported that we have (4) new members and with regret we lost (1) Legend, Walt Rudolph. Our membership roster now totals 81 members.

Welcome Committee: Pat S. and Faye H. are preparing to make visits to new families in the Port Norris area.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam Ricci reported that Seth B. is working on the Chamber booklet containing photos and accomplishments of the Chamber for public relations which will be distributed at functions. The Chamber By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation have been approved. Quotes are being requested for Directors and officers' liability insurance. Community Clean-up is scheduled for Nov. 17th beginning at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon;

everyone is meeting at Paulie's Park. Business to Business assembly meeting on Nov. 16th at 6:30 pm at the Alpaca Farm. Sam will set out PNHS newsletters and Legends Pickings (extra copies leftover from dinner). Members are asked to bring munchies and items for door prizes. There was a Bankers and Brokers meeting at the Cumberland County Improvement Authority. Meghan attended as the Chamber is not getting our fair share of exposure. Attendance at meetings does not represent the number of members on the books. Next meeting is scheduled for November.

Cookbook: Eileen Bernhardt, Robin Berry, Gloria Guidera, and Rachel Cobb continue to work on getting the cookbook ready for printing. Rachel is working on the lay-out and possibly obtaining a couple of ads for the back page. Reverend Barnes and his wife, Gladys, are getting recipes to be included. Linda Keller also has some recipes to share. Efforts to have the cookbook completed and to the printer by early February so that copies will be available for sale at the Soup Dinner.

General Business:

Nominations for December Elections: Rachel C. announced Joyce M. is Nominations Chairperson. Joyce will prepare the ballot for next month's elections. Since Joyce is out of town, Rachel will handle the nominations this evening. Alvina B. recommended the Nominations Chairperson appoint a committee to seek/present a slate of officers for 2019. Two officers are up for election: Vice-President and Treasurer. Although there are no time limits as stated in the By-Laws, if officers are considered for re-elections, they still need to be re-nominated every two (2) years. Both Dick Smith (Vice-President) and Faye Hickman (Treasurer) have agreed

to continue in their respective offices. Faye has filled the unexpired term of Liz Hoffman and will be on the ballot for the first time.

The following current members have accepted the nominations for these offices in the PNHS.

Trustees – Sam Ricci, John Hickman (who filled the unexpired term of Joanne Hickman)

New Position – Honorary Trustee (Lifetime) - Reverend Barnes

Trustees (3 additional)- Liz Hoffman, Joyce Massey, Gloria Gudiera. These three will fulfill our (7) trustees positions.

The offices of President and Secretary (both Recording and Corresponding) will be on the ballot for the following year 2019. Dick S. made a motion to accept the nominations, with Ginny C. seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Legends Review: Mary Linda reported 155 people paid. Early morning set-up had a couple of small glitches with tables that were resolved. Concerns/issues/suggestions:

Chinese auction - set-up was time consuming even though Ginny had pre-labeled ticket bags. Consensus was there were too many auction items, as the audience was not attentive after the first 15 or so tickets were pulled. Suggestion to have fewer items, possibly larger themed baskets next year. Mostly positive comments regarding food selections.

The PA system intermittently fading and the cars racing during the awards presentations, making it difficult to hear some of the speakers. The event coordinator felt we should have been

informed regarding the racing before we signed our contract. However, the banquet facility has no control over the number of races and when they occur.

May want to consider another venue for next year's event. Mary Linda checked with Ron Hundt concerning the Mauricetown Fire Hall. They serve buffet style only; menu can be arranged to our specifics. Committee meeting to follow after the first of the year.

People are approaching Rachel and other members about nominating legends for next year.

Expressed gratitude to Faye and John H, Dick and Pat S., Maureen Smith, Roseann S., Rachel C., Liz H., Alvina B., and Joe L. for their assistance in toting supplies, organizing, and readying all displays/fundraising items for event. Thank you to Ginny, Rachel, Faye, and Liz for organizing/packaging items on October 25th. Also, a thank-you to Robin B. and Eileen B. for selling tickets and to Joyce who assisted with the auction. Special thanks to Rachel for ordering plaques and for being our personal photographer. Also, to all who stayed after to pack up and carry items for transporting back to PNHS. Everything considered, a very successful and well-attended Legends Awards event.

Legends \$\$ - Faye gave an itemized account of both receipts and disbursements for the 2018 Legends Award Luncheon.

Rachel is getting the current Legends information on the website.

Rachel added JazzLynne Williams, a 5 year old girl who was a resident of Port Norris and passed way recently, to the memorial pages.

Veterans' Memorial Park – Dick reported on the progress of construction at the park. A number of individuals and businesses have donated the following: Guy DeFabrites - all engineering and pre-planning costs and services; Mike Vizzard – underground wiring, lighting and fixtures; Penn Jersey – (2) loads of concrete; Landscaper from Vineland will donate all hydroseeding; a large boulder from Pennsylvania which will be painted with a military scene by a girl from Newport. Additional possibilities of donations include Inspira paying for a gazebo; Russell Storms has written a \$5,000.00 grant to Home Depot for vinyl fencing, landscaping ties, etc. Brick pavers, purchased from a company in Florida, will be laid with veterans kept together, civilian pavers will be grouped keeping families together. One order of 100 pavers has arrived and the committee is working on another order. An Adopt-a-Vet program to purchase a brick in honor of a veteran who has no family members to represent them. The PNHS has met its goal of collecting bags for the bench. Mauricetown Historical Society is collecting plastic bags to donate a bench to the park. There has been a real community effort to bring this project to fruition. Russell Storms and Ron Sutton were instrumental in beginning this project.

Inventory – Faye H. – The sale items are scattered; we need to account for all books purchased. It was suggested that all items be put in smaller transparent labeled bins. After the holidays, a complete inventory will be done, using inventory log sheets for logistics. We need to record when any items are taken for sales, donations or gifts. Fresh coffee was ordered.

December Holiday Meeting - Rachel C. announced next month's meeting will be a brief one, with elections being held. There will

not be an Open House until our construction projects are completed. However, a holiday social time will be held after the business meeting, with members bringing food items. Some decorations will be put up for holiday.

RSVP – Faye H. is collecting monthly log sheets from members with volunteer hours itemized. She will be contacting the RSVP representative with completed paperwork for the month. Rachel will develop a universal log sheet which can be downloaded, completed and turned in at each PNHS meeting.

Building – Dick S. suggested the PNHS hire a contractor to install the bathroom floors. Three or four estimates will be obtained, with the PNHS purchasing the products. All trim and moldings will have to be taken down.

Other Business comments and concerns: Rachel C. discussed topics for the next PNHS Newsletter including, Dicks report for the Veterans' Memorial Park, Legend Walt Rudolph, a page on the plight of the East Point Lighthouse caused by water erosion. The land is owned by the NJ DEP Fish and Wildlife agency. The East Point Lighthouse Historical Society rents the lighthouse from the state of NJ. UNIMIN and WHIBCO have donated filled sand bags to protect the lighthouse. A seawall and elevation are needed to help with the erosion.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary