

The Port Norris Historical Society

ZOOM Meeting: December 13, 2021

Members Present on ZOOM: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, B. Hall, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Lacotte, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith, P. Stowman and Colin,

Guests: Shoane (Bayshore Center)

November Meeting: The November Secretary's minutes, The December Agenda and December Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on December 12, 2021.

Review of Meeting Minutes: Joyce M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2021 meeting, with a second by Ginny C. The minutes were unanimously approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month of October 2021 was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R. and emailed to members.

Nominations: Chairperson Joyce M. presented the slate of officers for the 2022 year:

Officers and Trustees for 2022:

Rachel Cobb - President - 2022-2024

Mary Linda Lacotte- Assistant Secretary 2022 - 2024

Gloria Guidera - Corresponding Secretary -2020-2024

Alvina Baum - Trustee -2022-2024

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Richard Smith - Vice President - 2020 - 2022

Sam Ricci - Treasurer - 2022-2024

Elizabeth Hoffman - Co-Treasurer - 2020 - 2022

John Hickman - Trustee 2020 - 2022

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With no new nominations from the members, the slate of officers was cast unanimously by a verbal vote of members present on ZOOM.

Guest Speaker: Port Norris resident, Belinda Hall, was introduced. She is officially a member of the Port Norris Historical Society, compliments of Alvina Baum.

Belinda spoke of her memories growing up in Port Norris.

Following Belinda's presentation, Rachel stated time was limited and asked members to refer to the Agenda notes for details of items not covered in the ZOOM meeting.

Guest, Shoane, is researching the Hispanic population who may have been part of the community from 1957. She is compiling this information for the Bayshore Center.

Based on the CoVid virus, the January meeting may need to be a ZOOM meeting also

Agenda Notes: (Copied from the December 2021 Agenda)

ALARM SYSTEM UPDATE - What a mess! Finally thank you to Dick's patience and running back and forth over a week and waiting for service people and me on the countless phone calls and hundreds of emails we thought we had a fixed alarm system. And in the end we only paid \$10.00. 12-13 update: Not fixed. We thought it was and now the alarm went off again last night at 11:45 and 1:37 am. We have another appointment for Wed. This is exhausting.

BUILDING WORK- Thank you to everyone who came to help move the items from the rooms to get ready for the wall and ceiling work. Dick is waiting for the date now for the work to start. After the work is complete we will get the storage room painted. We already have the paint.

SAVE THE DATES LEGENDS - Chair Mary Linda Date April 30, 2022 from 12-4pm. A Legends Committee meeting will be scheduled during the month of January with the NJ Motorsports Park representative.

SEED SWAP: End of Jan. now because of covid, we hope the holiday surge will be over. Setting the date soon. More seeds were donated from Baker Creek.

SPEAKER: Barney Hollinger Jr. - January We hope in person. We will judge this closer to the time.

EVENTS 2022 We are going to look into renting the Meerwald again. We did it in 2007 and it was a nice fundraiser. Also I would like to look into a bus trip to the Philly Flower show, as a fundraiser. I have a company I am checking with. I know some in our group take day trips. It could be a new direction for us to do more event based fundraisers vs preparing food. Think about it and if you have ideas and any information please send me an email. rcobb455@gmail.com.

PASSINGS Ethelinda Blackman died suddenly on Dec 6th She was a great friend to many of our members and to the PNHS. She was generous in donations and family heirlooms. Drew Tomlin died on Dec 2. He was a very passionate fellow and we enjoyed the time he came and spoke to us. He wrote the book with Bayshore on the Tidal Wave. <https://www.hoffmanfuneralhomes.net/obituaries/Emerson-Drew-Tomlin/>

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary

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Correspondence: Gloria G. sent one thank you notes for memorial

Committee Reports:

Membership/Collections/Welcome: Reports were dispensed of due to time constraints with the ZOOM meeting

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There were no nominations made from the floor, however, nominations will be open for two weeks. Elections will take place at the December meeting.

General Business:

Special Event: Robin B., representing the Southwest Council Inc., presented information about the WISE program (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education). The program is provided for people ages 60 and above. Members decided to have Robin provide a daytime program on one of the topics after the holidays, at a date and time to be determined later.

Alarm System – Rachel and Dick have been on numerous calls with the alarm company regarding a window alarm with a low battery. Dick has made several trips to the building, also. If a technician is needed, we will be charged a service fee. It was suggested we purchase the new batteries and install them ourselves.

Legends Awards: Mary Linda L. reviewed the date, time, cost, and menu for the 2022 Legends Awards Lunch. She reported new letters with the revised date, etc. were mailed to the Awards recipients and their respective families. A Legends Committee meeting will be scheduled during the month of January with the NJ Motorsports Park representative. In response to a request to order additional plaques for family members, it was decided, prior to the November meeting, all Legends winners will receive ordering information to make individual purchases at the Legends lunch.

December meeting Speaker: Belinda Hall will be our guest speaker and will present her memories of growing up in Port Norris. The meeting will begin at 6:45pm, with refreshments to be provided.

January meeting Speaker: Barney Hollinger, Jr. will speak about growing up in Port Norris and the oyster business.

Seed Swap: Rachel suggested the second Seed Swap be held on January 15th, with an inclement weather date of January 22nd. On

her visit to Lancaster, she received a box of seeds from the Rohrer Seed Company. Baker Creek also donated 40 – 50 seed packets. She will reach out to the Master Gardeners.

Decorate for December – Greens and wreaths will be put up early in December.

Building: Dick discussed masonry work needed to be done upstairs. He will proceed with obtaining quotes for spackling, etc.

Comments: A suggestion was made for the historical society to sponsor a Halloween Trunk or Treat event next year for the township children.

Announcements: Commercial Township Activities/Events:

Ceremony at Veterans Park at 5:00 pm on November 11th.

Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5th

House Decorating Contest Sponsored by the Recreation Committee – Information on Face Book

PNHS Meeting: The next meeting will be held in person at the headquarters building on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary

