

The Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
February 11, 2014

Attendance: E. Barnes, A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Donohue,
J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, R. Smith.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.
Welcomed visiting guest Frank Donahue.

Review of January minutes, change Pyott total paid to \$945.00. Motion to approve G. Campbell, second, Dick Smith. Approved with change.

Treasurer's Report: General fund balance \$7014.84 Capital fund balance \$3407.37. Copy of report attached to minutes.

Budget for 2014 was presented. Projected amount for expenses \$6525. Following a request for further breakdown in amounts, motion to accept made by A. Baum, second by E. Bernhardt. Approved.

Books are with Anna DeFabrites for auditing.

Correspondence:

Mostly e-mail. One from Laura Proctor from the U of Del. In post graduate program. Subject shucker's housing in Port Norris. Information she has gotten from us was helpful. Ed sent information. Offered to have a meeting if she likes. Hannah Blad is looking for information regarding iron fences in the area. Rachel has iron fence on her property, Joanne says a woman on Chestnut Street has a piece of iron fence.

Alvina will respond to her.

Paul Bowen looking for a picture of his uncle Stultz Rowley. Dick may have one.

Letter from Insurance Co. to be addressed in the Building report.

Rachel – letter from Commercial Township School re: Ad in playbill for “Cinderella” ¼ page \$35.00

Mention Ragan Hoffman and Lillianna De Fabrites. Approved.

We will send a sympathy card to Lynn Robbins thanking her for listing us in donations list for her mother Edith Robbins.

General business:

Report from collections committee: Robin Berry said that things went well. Organized and put in plastic bins with labels. It is a start. Bayshore Center has added a link to their images so that clicking on any images will come give you more information. Rachel D. is very helpful. Noted that PDF files are the place to keep archives. We will continue to work on. Rachel Cobb has essential information.

Adobe to guarantee that archived information will be able to be open 100 years from now. When we get to that point, we should do it the correct way.

Grants: Alvina, Dick and Ed were able to put together the SJI grant for this year. Alvina put online but Dick delivered.

1772 Historic Trust. – We have spent \$1215 on removal so far. We need to spend \$1500. Have to find a certified lead paint removal company. Alvina will work on. It is time to do the grant for this year.

Alvina will call Sam Thompson to see if they will do more work. There is a \$285 balance. Do windows in the main room. Motion to do those windows made by Joanne and seconded by Eileen to cap expense at \$500.00. Approved.

Robin has contact information for a grant writer she will e-mail to Alvina to make contact.

Web-site expires at the end of this month. Rachel will put \$99 on her credit card and insure automatic renewal. Motion by Liz Hoffman, second by Robin Berry. Approved. Discussed domain names. Due in April, Rachel will research other options. Tabled for one month. Decide in March for sure.

Rack cards and Scrapbooks for Bayshore.

We need to have some things besides our membership cards down there. It was suggested that we should have our own. We will work on that. Do we want our Scrapbooks down there. We do not want to change the price of ours. They can set their own price. Dick just ordered more. We would like to be paid in advance. Rachel Cobb will investigate further. They are just getting a new set up.

Second Fridays in February and March

Waterman's memorial presentation will run in the back room this month. Probably won't need to sell tickets so won't need space there in March.

Bay Day

Discussed an inside yard sale from 10a-2p here in the building. After that we are free to go to Bivalve. We are now insured to have people inside the building. We have a lot of stuff and feel that people will be curious about the building. Sell cold drinks only inside. Set up prior. Approved.

Ye Old Chili Dinner

Meeting date for planning details February 19th at 7p. Rachel will order 14X18 inch trays, brown this week. Dick and Joanne have taken inventory. Alvina to send a reminder via e-mail.

Building:

Electrical Work for Insurance Co: We received a letter from the Insurance Co. stating that we must upgrade the electrical panel within 30 days. Also must install 4 smoke detectors. Rachel will get the detectors and Dick will make calls to electrical contractors.

Danny Garrison has promised to be here soon weather permitting. The anonymous cash has been paid and Dick will hold until work is completed and then pay along with our check.

Estimate for replacing glass in door and transom with double thick glass is \$364.80 from Millville Glass.

Dick will let him know that we will do in spring after the front door is painted. Must choose door color.

Rachel is still planning to repair the front door with her Father. Agreed. Dick will call him with decision.

Letter to Local Sand Companies: Sam Ricci and Dick will handle.

Scrap metal: Authorized Dick to take as much as he can to sell.

Roof: We are requesting grant monies to do the roof from SJI and possibly 1772.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Alvina Baum, Recording Sect.

