

The Port Norris Historical Society
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2015

Attending: Rev Barnes, A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Massey, P. Moore, S. Ricci, C. Robbins, J. Robbins, R. Smith, D. Tomlin

Prior to the meeting, discussion regarding "Smile" on Amazon. Rachel has signed us up and when making any purchases on Amazon, we choose PNHS and a small(.05) % of the purchase will be credited to us to be used as credit on purchase of things that we need to buy . Offer on file with minutes.

Meeting called to order by Rachel Cobb.

Review of minutes of February meeting as e-mailed. Motion to approve by Liz Hoffman. Second by Sam Ricci. Approved.

Treasurer's Report reviewed . Motion to accept by Joyce Massey. Second by Pat Moore. Approved. Report on file with minutes.

Donations

Carole Robbins got a \$20 gift card from Shop Rite. Dick will use to buy bread for the dinner. Thank you to be sent. She also has a pledge for a \$25 gift card from Acme in Vineland. We have been offered a donation of a black walnut sideboard with a marble top from Liz's pastor. It is not from Port Norris but of the era. Committee gratefully accepts. Liz will handle details.

Correspondence

We had to submit a letter to the 1772 Trust to correct our PO Box # . Letter composed and mailed on 3/4 and received by them on 3/9. Check should be processed soon.

Also e-mail question regarding what the Trust would do regarding our foundation. She will get back to us.

990 form site was hacked so we had to change our password. Both Liz & I have a copy of that password.

Letters from Vineland Historical Society and Cumberland County Historical Society asking our participation in activities that we are not yet able to be active in. Reply to Dr. DeMaio.

Thank you notes to: Duncan Campbell for electrical outlet on panel board, Shop Rite, Dave Smith and Dr. DeMaio . Robin Berry sent thank you to Charlie Moore.

Committee Reports

Membership Ginny Campbell reports 50 members and 19 legends honorees for 2015. Rev Barnes is among the honorees. Ginny will send notes to the legends

Cookbook Committee

Rachel has an outline though the book for menus and recipes. Very nice different way to present recipes. Pictures, tips for buying and keeping seafood. Perhaps Bivalve Packing will buy an ad for the back. Looking at doing a series of cookbooks. The committee has many great ideas for these books.

Collections Committee

Is tabled while we have so many other things going on.

General Business

2015 Budget

Liz presented the 2015 Budget which is also included with the Financial Reports. Motion to accept by Dick Smith, Second Joyce Massey. Approved. Liz was thanked for all the work this involves.

Grants

We received a letter from SJI awarding us \$1500 again this year. They are requesting an invoice from us for this money. Alvina will check with Ms. Hurtt. This money can be used for any reason we decide.

The 1772 Historic Trust is due before April 1st. Dick and Alvina will work on with advice from Cathy Goulet.

Building report.

With the help of Dick Smith, we set our priorities for repairs on building. They will not cover electricity.

We can ask for money for repairs on siding and sills, repair and repointing the foundation And security for the building. Discussion by membership on priorities. We have to ascertain that we can use our local craftsmen for the projects. Once the bids are in place we will submit the application on line. It was decided to request \$3500 which means the projects will total \$7000. Motion by Ginny Campbell with second by Joyce Massey. Approved. Dick will continue to get estimates for the carpentry to submit with the grant.

Dick has an estimate from Mike Vizzard for \$4560 cost to completely wire only the first floor.

Paint Fundraiser

Liz has an idea for the paint for the building. If we post the need for paint, there is an opportunity to be involved. Good idea. We will explore.

Gayle Penven got a grant for \$250 through Thrivent at her church. This money will be used to buy paint. Her son also got a grant for that amount that can be used for painting supplies.

Waterman's Memorial

The plans for the statue and the choosing of the artist are progressing. A business meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 10 am. This is the organizational meeting Alvina & Ginny will try to attend. The accounts need to be separate as a project. Need an accountant and a lawyer.

Plaques (Cobb Room)

Discussion regarding choices tabled until the next meeting.

Bayshore Church History Meeting Report.

The weather was cold and icy but the meeting was fairly well attended. PNHS was represented by Rachel Cobb, Ginny Campbell, Pat and Dick Smith, Alvina Baum and Pat Moore. The stories were interesting.

Help with Web-site

Rachel will publish a Wish List of things she needs help with on the web site. She would appreciate our input and help.

Carole Robbins brought in several items to share from her memorabilia.

Bank certificate from the Port Norris Bank that was won by Carole's father in Port Norris School. Ice Cream spoons were originally metal and disposable. During World War II there was a need for metal so wooden ice cream spoons came into being. Variety of old papers relating to Port Norris and Tramp Art. Very interesting things relating to the history of Port Norris. Thanks to Carole for bringing these items in to share.

Dick -quick tally from the soup and chili dinner is nearly \$2300.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary