

Port Norris Historical Society  
April 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Pres., Dom Capadi at the Robbinstown School Library.  
Minutes of previous meeting were approved as e-mailed with no additions or corrections.  
Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by L. Hoffman, second by R. Cobb. The current balance in checking is \$6063.45. In Capital Funds is \$2774.02. Copy on file with Minutes.  
In answer to a previous question, an application fee of \$100 was paid for Form 1023.

Old Business:

Donna Moore has given the PO Box key to J. Hickman but is picking up the mail at present.

By laws: Are correct but the signature page needs to be properly dated and signed by current officers at the May meeting.

Scrapbook: Sales have slowed a little. There are 18 copies of each book left. Still have 5 in Steelman's in Millville and Bob Moore wants some to sell in Mauricetown.  
Discussed the opportunity to sell the books on the web-site. Rachel will post them and add Pay Pal for memberships and books.

File cabinets: In the Library can be locked. Two keys – one to Cindy Tawes, the other to Dick Smith.  
Liz has items for files when there is room for them. Need a committee to work on the files.

Legends of Port Norris Criteria:

Dick Smith distributed sheets to use when nominating persons . Three prior to 1850. Three last century and Three Living. Anyone can nominate. The applications can be mailed to the PO Box. The choices to be made at the September meeting each year.

Site for PNHS:

Ed Adams presented the stats on the Blizzard house. Agreed that the site must be in Port Norris.  
Discussed other possibilities to be explored. Ed will continue to look into those possibilities.

Membership cards:

Need membership cards to distribute to current members and give to new members. Rachel will do.

Churches: Methodist Church history is on disc along with pictures of the stained glass windows. Rachel will post on web-site.

Dom & Sam will check on the history of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Need a copy of the Lena Hanby CD.

Shiloh Baptist history is on file in the church folder at the library.

New Business:

Patricia Martinelli has volunteered to come and speak to us. She works in the Vineland Museum, has written a book on the ghost towns of Southern NJ. She is the secretary of the NJ Historical Societies. She can not come on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> but is available on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Agreed.

Pictures of houses in Port Norris:

Rachel will be in town on the date of the May meeting and take pictures of the houses on the Historic list.

Cemeteries: Discussed the site of the Black Civil War Site. L. Hoffman was told that it is under the Shiloh Baptist Church building.

Fund Raising Suggestion:

Evening of Informal Music: Joanne Hickman knows a group that would come and play for an evening. We need to have a meeting place to hold such activities. Discussed the Township Hall or the new building in Haleyville. Megan Wren has offered space at Bayshore Discovery. At such an evening, we could sell refreshments and have a 50/50.

Annual Audit: The books will be given to Anna DeFabrites for audit .

Deed of Gift: We need to have a procedure in place to be able to present a “ Deed of Gift” to persons who donate items to the Society. Dick Smith and Ed Adams will work on a committee to identify donors and find the proper way to acknowledge the gifts.

The “Newcomb Safe “ has been located at the Bayshore Discovery Museum. Are there other items stored that belong to the Historical Society? Liz has items in her garage. Waiting for storage space.

Bill Henderson came to this meeting and brought copies of the Old Advertiser which are on loan to us.

Port Norris Middle School Graduation Award:

Motion was made by L. Hoffman and seconded by D. Capaldi to award a \$50.00 cash gift to an eighth grade graduate in 2012. R. Smith will speak with the school about what might be appropriate. We will develop criteria for future years.

Meeting adjourned.

Alvina Baum, Secretary

Attending: Joe & Kathy Graves, Robin Boyer, Bill Henderson, Eileen Bernhardt, Sam Ricci Sr., Larry Erickson, Rachel Cobb, Kelli Adams, Ed Adams, Richard Smith, Dom Capaldi, Joanne Hickman, Liz Hoffman, Alvina Baum