

The Port Norris Historical Society

ZOOM Meeting April 13, 2021

Members Participating: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb. G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, J. Massey. M. Moore, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith.

April Meeting: The April agenda, March Secretary's minutes, and Treasurer's report were emailed to active members on April 12, 2021.

Review of Meeting Minutes: Dick S. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 ZOOM meeting, Sam R. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the unanimous vote of members present at the ZOOM meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The April 2021 Treasurer's report for the month of March 2021 was submitted by Treasurer, Sam R., and emailed to active members. The report was approved by the unanimous vote of members present at the ZOOM meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Ginny C. reported we have 64 members on record, which includes 16 honorary memberships.

Collections: Pat S. stated a series of items have been collected, with write-ups completed, which she will describe at the next meeting. Pat would like to meet with her committee to organize a room upstairs in the building to house the collections. Rachel C. informed the group we received a copy of the book titled, *Jonathan Sockwell, Jr. A Prisoner's Dream* from author, Carol Saul Gromer. Carol is related to the Sockwell family.

General Business:

Soup Dinner: Dick S. met with Reenie R., Dean Berry, and John Hoffman, representatives of the PN Fire Co. and was received

approval to have the Soup dinner at the firehouse. Dick will proceed with plans for the upcoming fundraiser with a date for a separate meeting to be announced later.

Legends Awards: Mary Linda L. reported Legends committee members met on April 9, 2021 to discuss the status of our Legends Awards. Due to health concerns, the 2021 Legends Awards Luncheon has been postponed until Spring 2022. Mary Linda has contacted the NJ Motorsports Park and is waiting for a return call to schedule either May 21, 2022 or June 4, 2022 as the new date. There will be no new nominations accepted for the 2021 year. Nominations for the 2022 Legends Honorees will be open in May 2021, with a vote scheduled for late summer. A nomination has been received for Elizabeth Hoffman Lore. Others discussed were Mrs. Barnes and Grace Lee. Joe Dagastine, whose nomination was withdrawn a few years ago, will be resubmitted for the 2022 year. Rachel has expressed the need to continue public awareness of our Legends awards program. A video will be produced, highlighting the past 84 legends honored to date. This video will be a virtual presentation celebrating all legends award winners and accessible for viewing on our website. An informational flyer about the video could be included with each take-out dinner, using the Soup dinner as part of our PR plan.

Projects: Prints of *Emma Peterson* Paintings: Rachel is working on the prints for Rachel Robbins Mertz, a Peterson family relative. Rachel and Chet Mertz offered to pay for the prints of the (2) Peterson paintings of the schooner, *Emma Peterson*, for family members as well as the PNHS. Last month members agreed to order 24 prints plus note cards. When done, Rachel C. will mail prints to the specified family members of Rachel R. Mertz.

Dehumidifier: Ginny C.'s husband, Skip, has researched information on various humidifier units to consider for purchase which would be energy efficient, yet large enough to suit our needs. Links to websites were included in the April 13 meeting agenda, which was emailed to members. Sam R. has received a quote for a

wall mounted unit. A report will be given at next month's meeting. Special thank you to Skip and Sam for their time spent researching this project.

Solid Barrier Skirt: It was noted in the insurance inspection report a need to close in the skirt around the building; no time deadline was suggested. Discussion regarding an increase in humidity with a solid barrier could be an issue. There will have to be a pipe installed underneath the building. Power will be needed to run a pump. Mike V. will have to install another electric line, for a cable with heat tape. John will get prices for the pump.

Comment/Suggestions/Announcements:

PNHS Meeting: The consensus of members was to hold our next meeting in-person at the headquarters building on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary