

# The Port Norris Historical Society

## General Meeting

June 12, 2018

Attending: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, J. Lacotte, M.L. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith.

Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of Meeting Minutes: Corrections to May minutes – change the last name of Mike Hickman to Mike Vizzard. Also, change the name of the bank from TD Bank to Ocean First. A motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Joyce M., seconded and approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Hoffman submitted a letter of resignation from her position as Treasurer of the PNHS, effective June 12, 2018. Faye Hickman has accepted the office of Treasurer, fulfilling the remainder of Liz H.'s term. Discussion will be open in November for the position of Treasurer for the next election. Anna will continue to do audits for our accounts. Dick shared his gratitude for the excellent work Liz has done as treasurer. Donna Bailey made two donations. She will be donating additional monies at the end of June. It was decided that Ginny C. send a package to Donna B. with a PNHS cookbook, tote bag and hat. Rachel suggested that we earmark \$100.00-\$150.00 of her donated monies to be used toward the story board that we would like to put out in front of the building. We would cite her name on the board.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Dick S., seconded by John H.; approved unanimously. Discussion about having an additional designated signature person who will be able to sign checks when one of the other authorized persons is not available.

By-Laws – The committee of Rachel C., Ginny C., and Gloria G. will meet to review by-laws. Revising the bylaws to include two additional Board of Trustee members will be part of the committee updates.

Donations: See donations in treasurer's report.

Correspondence: Alvina B. circulated a card received from Donna Bailey. An e-mail correspondence asked a question concerning Ducky Taylor and information about the Port Norris Oyster League.

PNHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Award – Rachel C. and Alvina B. will attend the Commercial Township Graduation ceremonies on June 20<sup>th</sup> and present this year's recipient, Josh Cremin, with a certificate, book and a \$50.00 award.

Committee Reports:

Collections: Robin Berry absent -nothing to report.

Membership: No changes to report with membership numbers.

Cookbook: Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam R. reported a \$50.00 scholarship will be awarded at the Commercial Township Eighth Grade Graduation program. Chamber scheduled a Clean-up for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks for Bay Day was held even

in the rain. Donna arranged the Boat Parade awards. The Chamber of Commerce sign is closer to being completed. Seth B. will send out wording to each sponsor who will be on the sign. Organizations may be limited to their name, phone number and website in order to have room for all sponsors. The chamber is checking on zoning ordinances in preparation for displaying the sign. The PNHS has paid for their listing. Megan W. is revising the by-laws. A program called Take the Pledge, sponsored by Guinness Book of World Records was presented to two groups. Seniors and youth groups were scheduled to view the video concerning our county being the poorest. The senior group was canceled shortly before the presentation. Next meeting to be held June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

Welcome Committee: Nothing to report.

General Business:

Building: Dick S. informed the group that Mike Vizzard quoted \$2800.00 to finish upstairs electrical work, including lights, exits lights, wiring, receptacles and switches and a 220v outlet in each room. It was suggested to install a ceiling fan with one central light in each room. A motion was made by John H. and seconded by Sam R. to approve Mike Vizzard completing the electrical work upstairs. Liz and Alvina discussed their recent experience at a restaurant that had tin ceiling tiles and found the noise level to be extremely loud. Mike will not be able to begin the electrical for a while.

The Mauricetown Historical Society - Dick S. stated they are receiving a large display case from Woodbine and are giving us

the smaller lighted display case. Also, baseball uniforms with "Port Norris" on them will be donated.

Commercial Township Veterans Memorial Park – Dick S. presented information about the park which is located near the Commercial Township Senior Center. The brick pavers, which cost \$75.00 each, are to honor local veterans and/or community members. The bricks can be inscribed with a message of up to three lines, including an insignia of the branch of the armed forces. He suggested the PNHS purchase a brick with the words "God Bless America" on the first line and "PN Historical Society" on the second line. Only restrictions are no phone numbers or websites as the brick are not to be used as advertisements. A motion was made by Ginny C. and seconded by Joyce M., with a unanimous vote. Order forms were distributed and should be forwarded to Commercial Township contact, Heather Sparks.

Watermen's Memorial Update – Rachel C. reported there was a balance of \$4,126.60 that will be donated to the Bay Shore Center as an endowment to preserve the bell. It will be up to the center to monitor the money and the bell. Deborah Waddington Smith has made mockettes of a sculpture (bronze) which she would like to sell for \$350.00. We have a mockette on loan that we may want to purchase as a representation of the watermen and the time we spent on the project. We can decide later about the purchase.

Legends – Discussion and Nominations for Legends - Rachel C.

Last month the following Past Legends were nominated: Jack Carney, Jim Garrison, Joe Dagastine. Sally Dickenson was nominated as the Living Legend. Alvina presented the names

from last year who were nominated and we will include them in this year's discussion.

Mary Linda Lacotte withdrew the name of Joe Dagastine from the nominations for 2018, with possible resubmission next year. Dick S. nominated Warren Robbins, and Sam and Tony Ricci. Barney Miller's name was also resubmitted. Eileen B. and Robin B. asked that George Garrison be re-nominated.

Living Legends nominations are Sally Dickenson and George Garrison. Further informative discussion of the nominees continued, with brief highlights of accomplishments of each.

Sally Dickenson - School Secretary for Commercial Township School Superintendent, member of the Ladies Auxiliary, parishioner of St. Anthony's R.C. Church, breeding oysters and works the PN Fire company oyster dinners, and assists the Elks with the Coast Guard dinner.

Jack Carney – owned a salt hay rope factory, served as a member of the cemetery board.

Captain Warren D. Robbins – was a doctor who practiced in West Cape May, captain of medical corps and died during WWII.

Jim Garrison – Co-owner of Port Norris Express trucking company, Bivalve Packing, and served on the Commercial Township School Board.

Tony and Sam Ricci – were local farmers who also owned an operated the Ricci Sand Company.

Barney Miller – partner of an oyster company, owned a race track with race horses down at the Peak of the Moon, had a shell

grinding plant, invented an ankle pad for horses, and part owners of Garden State Race Track.

Voting for both the Living Legend, Sally Dickenson, and the Past Legends of the Early Twentieth Century and Later Twentieth Century was unanimous. George Garrison will be re-nominated next year as a Living Legend.

Grace Lee Beachump was also discussed as a nominee for a 2019 legend.

PNHS members to act as a liaison and contact family members of the nominees:

Dick S. – Warren Robbins, Barney Miller (Warrington, Barney and Maryanne Hollinger )

Sam R. - Jack Carney (Mike Carney to get Sue's address)

Tony and Sam Ricci

Jim Garrison – Faye H. (Joan Robbins)

Sally Dickenson – Mary Linda L. (Rachel will take a photograph of Sally to be displayed at event)

Luncheon will be held at the NJ Motorsports Park Officer's club, which can hold at least 200 people. It will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12noon to 4:00 pm.

Mary Linda will type up the address labels. Alvina has a copy of the letter sent to the nominees. She and Mary Linda will send out the letters to family contact person. Ginny will update the PNHS members so they will receive an invitation to the luncheon.

There is no meeting in July, but we do meet in August and we plan to have a picnic. Alvina will check with Mary Ella to see we

can hold the picnic at her house. Pat S. asked to let she and Faye H. if any one moves into the township so they may present a welcome bag to the family.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary