

# The Port Norris Historical Society

## Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2024

**Members Present:** E. Bernhardt, D. Berry, R. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, J. Elwell, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, M. L. Lacotte, J. Lore, J. Massey, D. Pettit, S. Ricci, P. Smith, R. Smith.

Guests: R. Quinn

The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, commencing at 6:34 p.m., with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair, and the Secretary present.

**June Meeting:** The June 2024 minutes and the July 2024 meeting agenda were emailed to active members on July 8, 2024.

**Review of Minutes:** Joyce Massey motioned to approve the emailed minutes of the June 2024 meeting, seconded by Donna Pettit, and unanimously approved by members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The June 2024 Treasurer's report was emailed to the PNHS Board members on July 7, 2024. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Faye Hickman and seconded by Sam Ricci. Board members who were present unanimously approved the motion.

**Correspondence:** Gloria Guidera was not in attendance. Rachel Cobb discussed patron, Gloria Walters, who came in hoping to find a photo and other info for her mom, Gloria White. Ms. White long shared with her family that she was featured on the cover of a "major magazine" in the early 1950s while picking green beans on a farm in Port Norris. Ms. White was born in 1945 and was 7 or 8 when her photo was taken and published.

**Collections:** Pat Smith reported the donation of two Millville High School "Torch" yearbooks (1953, 1961), by Eileen Bernhardt. Faye Hickman and Nancy Garrison were able to walk through the old Port Norris School prior to the public auction of the building, and brought us polo shirts, copies of the floor plan of the old school, and copies of various yearbooks.

Emily DelRossi would like to donate small paintings of the Palomino, Laws & Taylor, and landscapes of the bay shore area which she painted for class assignments. She may be able to attend the September meeting to present her paintings.

**President's Report:** Rachel Cobb, President, recommended the establishment of a Research Policy to administer/conduct research questions and inquiries received. She

reported other historical societies charge a fee of \$35.00 per hour for time spent researching information requested.

Collections Meeting: Rachel C. and Pat S. suggested the Collections committee meet on a Thursday or Friday, if necessary on a Zoom meeting. Members of the committee will decide on a specific day/time.

**Membership:** Virginia Campbell, chairperson, reported a total of fifty-nine (59) members. Discussion was revisited for an honorary membership to Donna Bailey in appreciation of her monetary donations throughout the year.

**PN Historical Society Mauricetown Historical Society Combined Picnic:** Mary Linda Lacotte confirmed Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 5:00pm. Members were asked to review/update the food list. Suggestions to have an ice breaker activity would help promote conversation within the two groups. Robin Berry volunteered to be responsible for an ice breaker activity. Rachel Cobb suggested having another type of activity, such as a scavenger hunt, to encourage fellowship. Rachel C.'s sister will allow us to borrow her corn hole game boards. A follow-up email, including final details and food list, will be sent out to all members a prior to the picnic.

**Soup Dinner Fundraiser:** Faye Hickman distributed the September 21<sup>st</sup> soup dinner tickets to all members present, asking that members sign the ticket list with their assigned ticket numbers. In addition, Pat S. soup containers were distributed to members contributing soup.

Fifteen (15) sponsors have been contacted, with (10) committed to be sponsors at \$250.00 each to date. Faye stated she and Pat Smith inventoried the supplies; take out containers/supplies need to be purchased.

Roseann Smith has volunteered to manage the dessert contact list. She needs more volunteers to make desserts.

Soup Dinner Details:

Date/Time: September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm.

Soups: Bring to the PN Fire Hall on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Day of dinner, bring soups by 1:30 pm.

Firetrucks will be moved outside around 9:00 am the day of the dinner

A special Soup dinner meeting will be held at the end of August or prior to the September business meeting.

In Dick's absence, Rachel C. emphasized the importance that all members who are able to assist on the day of the soup dinner, the help is needed. This is the largest fundraiser for the historical society; the profits go towards the annual costs of insurance, utilities, and basic upkeep of the building.

**Legends 2025:** Mary Linda Lacotte stated the NJ Motorsports Park has confirmed the Legends 2025 date of Saturday, April 5, 2025. Once invoice is received, a deposit of \$250.00 is due in September.

**Comments/Announcements:**

**Seabrook Movie:** On Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am, the movie, "The Paradox of Seabrook", will be shown at the Levoy Theater. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased on-line.

**Mauricetown Historical Society 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the Mauricetown Fire Hall. Tickets are available for purchase, \$40.00 per person. Contact members of the group.

There is no official meeting in August; the combined picnic is the one get-together for the month of August.

**Timeline Review Photos:** Rachel C. projected several photos from Steve Moore's digital archives for identification and discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mary Linda Lacotte,  
Recording Secretary