

Port Norris Historical Society
General Meeting
August 11, 2015

Attending: Alvina Baum, Eileen Bernhart, Robin Berry, Virginia Campbell, Rachel Cobb, Gloria & John Guidera, Joanne Hickman, Liz Hoffman, Joyce Massey, Sam & Helga Ricci, Carole & Jim Robbins, and Dick Smith.

Rachel called the meeting to order:

Everyone was pleased that Carole's eye surgery was very successful and she is able to see clearly. She will have cataract surgery in her other eye in September.

Review of minutes as e-mailed. Corrections noted: Elizabeth Robbins was the mother of Eileen Bernhart and grandmother of Robin Berry.

Treasurer's Report for June & July was distributed and reviewed. Dick Smith thanked Liz for her work as treasurer. There were no corrections. Motion to accept by A.Baum, 2nd R. Smith. Approved. Copies of the report on file with the minutes.

Correspondence: Donna Bailey donated another \$500.00 in honor of family members. Rachel was given \$100 by the group she was traveling with in July.

These will be in the August report. Jackie McBride gave us a check for \$115.

She wants a benefactor membership with the remainder to be a donation.

Also presented was a letter from the Cumberland County Historical Society.

They are trying to establish "A Race Through Time." A day or days when the societies will be open for tours. Alvina responded via e-mail that although we are not ready for this yet. We will be interested in the future .

Liz got a ruler that belonged to Harry Moore from Grace Carrichner and Lynn Robbins donated her mother's knitting bag.

Liz also went to the manager in K-Mart to see if they are selling any of their glass cases when they go out of business. She put her name on a list. Thanks Liz.

Committees:

Collections: Robin Berry and Rachel have worked on the pictures that were sent to us by Stephanie Flores from California. They are mainly of the Shropshire family. They were in a box of trash at curbside, Stephanie rescued them, researched where they might be from and then took the time to mail them to us. Robin will send a thank you note along with her collections forms. There is a Berry who may be contacted for more information.

Membership: Ginny reported a membership of 85 plus persons.

Ginny expressed concern about persons who have no e-mail and how they could be updated. Perhaps newsletters could be sent in the mail. Alvina and Ginny to compare e-mail lists.

Cookbooks: the first printing of cookbooks has completely sold out. Heritage Day will be a bigger deal than usual. We need an additional printing. Girl's Place Bait & Tackle has made a commitment to place a

\$50 ad. Decision was to print 100. We will be doing some different cookbooks in the future. So there will be opportunities for others to advertise. Motion by D. Smith, 2nd by G. Campbell. Approved.

Historical Moments:

Sam Ricci spoke on his family history. Please refer to the newsletter for his story.

In September, Eileen Bernhardt will tell a story. Joyce Massey is on tap for November.

General Business:

Grants: We have gotten confirmation that we again have been fortunate enough to be the recipients of the 1772 Historic Trust matching grant. Upon completing the paper work, we will get a check for \$3000. The work should be completed by the time we file.

Building: Dick Smith reported that Ed Horseman is prepared to start working by the end of this week. Last month Ed ordered the white cedar. It has been delivered and paid for. It is drying in the building. The mason is scheduled. Following discussion, decision made for Dick to contact the ASG Security Company. Motion by G. Campbell, 2nd by J. Massey. Dick will arrange a demonstration with an Ad Hoc committee of Alvina, Liz, Rachel, Dick, Ginny and Joanne.

Some of our members volunteered to paint the bottom of the building when Ed Horseman has finished. Then Dick will get his group back to finish up the painting.

Thanks to Joanne Hickman for hanging the small side curtains by the front door.

The downstairs windows are fully covered. Thinking about the front windows on the second floor which are not covered at present.

Heritage Day- August 22. We will set up in the morning and the day begins at 10:30 am. Volunteers to help: Robin, Ginny with Alvina & Joyce at 1p and Carole & Jim Robbins from 2- 4p.

Delaware Bay Waterman's Memorial:

Bank Account Liz went to the bank to set up the checking account for DBWM. The bank officers strongly advised them to apply for a (501)c status.

Liz also expressed the need for each of the three participants to receive a copy of the bank statements. \$1000 has already been sent to the artist for supplies.

This amount was donated by a friend of the artist .

September 13th Fund Raiser:

Tickets were available at the meeting. Liz suggested that PNHS donate \$100 toward drinks. Motion by A. Baum, 2nd by G. Campbell. Approved. Rob Huntley has agreed to provide music.

DBWM By- laws are on-line and should be reviewed by committee members prior to next meeting.

Clean up at Senior Center.

We can earn \$500 for cleaning up the area outside the senior center.

Date to be set.

Liz addressed the need for security in the cabinets and displays when that time comes.

Carole Robbins has the original base counter cabinet from the store that was in our building. She & Jim would like to donate it. Jim will call Dick Smith with the particulars.

Legends Nominations for 2015

Names suggested or submitted: Lousie Ogden Mints, Sal DiGrazio, Charley O. Moore. Jim Garrison (father of George), Dr. Bradford, O'Connell Brown from Milbourne Lane. Larry Milbourne, Thomas Hand, Jane Obrien and her Mother.

Vera Sockwell, Harriet Corona. Nominations forms were submitted to Alvina Baum, September meeting still open for nominations and decision will be made.

Both the Millville Woman's Club and the menu have been secured. Menu entrees are:
Holy Yum Chicken, Pork Chops Marsala, Marinated Flank Steak and Lasagna Rolltini (Vegetarian)

Rachel Cobb helped to organize a trip to the Northwest with members of "The American Holly Society". Rachel told of her visit to an Oyster Bar in Portland, OR. The walls were covered floor to ceiling with oyster plates. Oldest Oyster Bar in Portland. Owned by one family. They were very friendly and have a wall of plaques from historical societies. It is a Historical Landmark. Rachel will make a small frame recognizing them as well from PNHS Just a friendly gesture. The Holly Society expressed their gratitude to Rachel by donating \$100 to us.

Another connection was made through John Guidera. An artist, Belva Penn Prycl, is a friend of Dick Smith's and this area. Dick called her and through the conversation she offered to donate some pictures and various items from Port Norris.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00pm

Alvina Baum, Secretary