

Port Norris Historical Society  
General Meeting  
August 12, 2014

Attending: A. Baum, E. Bernhardt, R. Berry, G. Campbell, R. Cobb, L. Hoffman, P. Moore, R. Smith.

Prior to calling meeting to order, the approval of our request for \$5000 in matching funds for the replacement of the roof on our building was celebrated. This grant is from the 1772 Historic Trust. Meeting called to order by President, Rachel Cobb.

Review of minutes from June meeting as e-mailed. Motion to approve, Dick Smith, second Liz Hoffman. Approved.

Treasurer' Reports : June report, motion by Pat Moore, second by Ginny Campbell. Approved  
July Report, motion by A. Baum, second by R. Berry. Approved. The reports are attached to the original minutes. Note: Received the \$500 from the township that has been paid to John Laws on the remaining mortgage. Rotary Club donated \$500 toward the roof. The \$5000 need for the matching grant has nearly been attained. Received money for two more windows, donors Ray Obrien and Gentilini Motors. Plaques to be ordered.

Correspondence: Thank you sent to Rotary Club.

Several requests on e-mail have been answered. Most of them having to do with families who once lived in Port Norris. We need a better way of dealing with these requests. One couple came from Washington, DC to visit the museum in the summer, and another woman came from Nebraska looking for the grave of an ancestor. I met her and showed her around but she was not able to find the grave. Both were referred to Bayshore as well. Noted that there is a renewed interest in history and genealogy. We are not equipped to be very helpful to these people.

E-mail list: Membership Chair, Ginny Campbell, is working on the records as well as recruiting new memberships and renewals. She is feeding the e-mail addresses to Alvina to get and keep the e-mails current.

It is with great sadness that we got the news of Irene Ferguson's death. Irene was the founder of the Mauricetown Historical Society and a friend to many of us and our organization. A condolence card will be sent to the Society. Robin will send a message on FB where appropriate.

General Business:

PN Middle School Graduation: Recipient was J'Quan Meyers. His family was very excited and blessed by the \$50 check. This continues to be good PR. Picture on web-site.

Waterman's Memorial: Rachel and Robin attended and Rachel took minutes. Minutes will be forwarded  
It was noted that Lynn Robbins' sister and her husband were at the Bayshore meeting and have taken an interest in the Waterman's Memorial. They are from Upper Sinclair, Pa.

The three artists were each given one hour to present. The decision at that meeting was to proceed with all the pieces. Further information will be available in the minutes. Another meeting will be scheduled.

Yard Sale: It was proposed that we have another yard sale and try to include the community

on Columbus Day weekend (10/11). It can be held here and on Hoffman's lot at the corner. We can sell spaces for \$5.00 (they must supply their own tables). We must have Flyers posted soon.

Discuss at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting at the end of this month at the Alpaca Farm. Robin Berry agreed to go to that meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday we will participate in Heritage Day at Bayshore. Rachel, Dick, Ginny and Alvina will help. Rachel will work on history for today on that day. Liz will provide change.

CC Historical Society Artisan's Fair at Greenwich September 27<sup>th</sup>. We have been invited to attend. Two days rain or shine. Pat Moore has a tent and is willing to set up and take down. She needs help transporting table and chairs. She passed sign in sheets for help. This is to introduce our organization. We will take whatever we have to sell. Dick will order enough books to make ten of each. Mauricetown will have a table there as well. It will be located next to the Gibbon House. Discuss further at September meeting.

Tote Bags: Rachel proposed designing and selling tote bags with our logo as another fund raising possibility. A. Baum made motion and E. Bernhardt seconded to invest the beginning expenditure. Approved. First order to be 25 bags. Attractive and free publicity.

Cookbook: Eileen brought a proposal from a cookbook company. All we have to do is supply the recipes. She will continue to work on this project. Suggested that she call Barbara Adams and Pat Bradway to work with her. Discussed purely regional recipes. Suggest having a form available for Legends dinner for recipes from the attendees.

Membership: Ginny reports 41 paid members at present. Some trustees have not paid. Think about fiscal year memberships but perhaps we should amend the by-laws and work on a quarterly basis or month to month basis. In the past, we have extended any membership late in the year, we have extended to December of the following year. Please put a date on any membership form. Ginny would like to have a supply of letterhead stationery. Dick can get from Township office. Should draft a renewal letter to send at the beginning of next year (2015). This can be an update letter. People do not remember to renew without a reminder.

Ginny also suggests that all members be given a 10% discount. Supply a price sheet showing the 10% discount. Benefactors should be listed on site and given a mug as well. Encourage our family members to become society members. Have a list of donors as well as benefactors. All lists to be the same size font and in alpha order by year.

Discussed pros and cons of having the minutes and treasurer's report available for the public to read. Perhaps have a password for members only. Tabled until a future meeting.

Gallery 50: All items have been returned. The picture that Rachel copied did not sell. We will try it again at the Legends Dinner.

Dick has received several items and deed of gift for each was given to the Collections committee.

Legends nominations: Bring all Nominations to the September meeting.

Roof: Dick has a proposed contract written up for Brighty Taylor. Motion to approve expenditure for roof replacement before the grant money is received . Entire cost is \$12,000. Motion by Pat Moore , second Robin Berry for \$5000 at the beginning and \$5000 at the completion of the work. The additional \$2000 as soon as the grant money arrives. We want to get the work on his schedule. The roof will be metal, the color tan with architectural shingles over the door in a complementary blend.

Collections committee will report at the September meeting.

Alvina will review by-laws and bring to September meeting.

Millville Woman's Club has us on their calendar again for the Legends dinner this year. The Elk's club was too expensive.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Note: A special meeting of the officers and trustees was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to address changes and sign contract for the new roof. Brighty Taylor subcontracted the roof to Babbitt Manufacturing of Vineland. They will honor the price and all the conditions including saving bricks and cove molding where possible. The contract was signed by Dick Smith and Rachel Cobb. The expected date of the work to be the last week in September. \$5000 was paid up front and the remaining \$5000 is due on completion. They will wait on the final \$2000 until the grant money is forthcoming. This is a major accomplishment. We will try to obtain news coverage.

Alvina Baum, Recording Secretary