

The Port Norris Historical Society

General Meeting August 12, 2019

Attending: A. Baum, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, A. Lore, J. Massey, L. Reeves

Meeting was called to order by President, Rachel Cobb. The meeting was held at the Commercial Township Municipal building as wallpaper work made the building not accessible for public use.

Review of Meeting Minutes: It was stated that a correction was made to the June 2019 minutes regarding a donation in the amount of \$1,150.00 from Ethalinda Blackman. This donation was inadvertently omitted from the minutes, but was revised after the members had received the emailed copy. A motion was made by Joan R., seconded by Gloria G., with a unanimous vote to approve the revised minutes as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report: An itemized treasurer's report for the months of June and July were distributed and reviewed by treasurer, Faye Hickman. Transfer of funds from the Capital Fund Account to the Checking account was noted to pay for drywall and wallpaper. A invoice submitted by Dick S. for items purchased from Lowe's was paid in June to Rachel C., it was on her credit card bill. A motion was made by Joyce M. and seconded by Gloria G. to accept the treasurer's report; vote was unanimous.

Donations: Donations in the amount of \$450.00 was received during the month of June, Joan Robbins donated in Dave's R. memory to purchase of lights. Other donations received were from Donna Bailey, Custom Drywall, Sharon Sutton to purchase a plaque for the grandfather's clock her family donated in memory of their father, Walter Rudolph,. In August, a benefactor membership from Laura Faust was received through PayPal

Correspondence: Alvina read three notes from Donna Bailey which she included in her donations. In June, donation was in memory of Donna's mother and father's anniversary and her mother's birthday. The July donation was in memory of her father's passing. In August, donations were made to honor her Aunt Alvina B. and Aunt Alma. Ginny Campbell stated she sent a cookbook to Donna as a token of appreciation for her donations.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Ginny C. reported we now have 74 members for 2019.

Welcome Committee: Faye stated there were no visits since the June meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Sam R. was absent. It was reported that the Chamber is in the process of filing an application for the 501C status.

General Business:

Graduation: Liz H. and Rachel C. attended the Commercial Township 8th grade graduation on June 19th to present Shawn Ronan with a monetary award and certificate as the student honored by the PNHS.

Building – In Dick S.'s absences, Rachel gave an updated report on the progress of work on the building.

Lights: An original hanging pendant light (we have three) from the building was displayed to determine if the light should be refurbished and used in the hallways. Mike will have to install the correct electrical boxes for the lights. Members agreed we should try to use the lights if possible. He will have to come back and put covers on the electric boxes. Mike has installed the ship light fans in the main room downstairs, but has not done the ceiling fans upstairs.

Work update: The plaster work has been completed upstairs. When the electrical inspector came, he noted that electrical box cut-outs needed patching. Also, plaster repairs were done for a gaping hole in the wall, the light out front, cracks around the ceiling and the chimney.

Members will be needed to paint upstairs and clean the building once all construction work is completed.

Furniture Placement: Once the wallpaper work and electrical work is finished, members will have to make decisions about furniture that we have and where it will fit best in the rooms. A large three section wooden cabinet with glass fronts has been donated by Vivian Morris. It was suggested to use the corner in the back of the room for a permanent display area, covering that floor area.

Wallpaper: Alvina reported that the wallpaper is almost finished, as well as painting of the woodwork, including window trim and baseboard.

Bay Shore Antique Tools Display – Rachel D. contacted Rachel C. stating that the Antique tool display has been extended. She has requested the Bay Shore be allowed to keep the antique tools from our collection for their display until the end of November. Members were in agreement with the extended exhibit display dates.

Legends Review: Rachel C. and Mary Linda: A discussion regarding the microphone issues at the luncheon last year. Rachel will get prices for a portable wireless microphone to be purchased by our use. Mary Linda L. reported since there has been no success in locating relatives for A.J. Kelberg, it was suggested that we hold his award for the 2020 Awardee. This will give ample time to try to find relatives. If none can be found, A.J.

Kelberg will be presented by a PNHS member for recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Prices for printing of invitations – 175 invitations are \$75.00 and \$35.00 for 200 RSVP cards. Rachel will place order soon. Mary Linda has received addresses form some nominees, she is awaiting the others to be forthcoming, with August 15th being the deadline.

Other Comments and Concerns: A discussion to determine whether to partner with the Commercial Township Senior Center to make scarecrows in October was held. Members decided to make 12 scarecrows; clothes will be needed this year. Rachel C. will contact Cindy Tawes at the Senior Center to schedule a date.

Meeting was adjourned by Rachel C.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Assistant Secretary