

The Port Norris Historical Society

Monthly Meeting

September 10, 2024

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, D. Berry, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, J. Donohue, J. Elwell, G. Guidera, M. L. Lacotte, J. Maddox, J. Massey, S. Ricci, P. Smith, R. Smith, M. Tortorici.

Guests: Emily DelRosssi, Ken DelRossi, Kim DelRossi,

Speaker: Emma Wilkerson Hackley

The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, commencing at 6:36 p.m., with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair, and the Secretary present.

September Meeting: The July 2024 minutes and the September 2024 meeting agenda were emailed to active members on September 9, 2024.

Gift Presentation: Emily DelRossi, former resident of Port Norris, presented to the PNHS five (5) small water color paintings which she painted for an AP Art class exam at MSHS. Emily gave a brief description of her paintings depicting the Palomino restaurant, the Laws and Taylor garage adjacent to the PNHS building, the trail near the end of Strawberry Avenue, a scene in Bivalve, and a marsh landscape scene in the Port Norris area. They will be added to our collection with paperwork to follow. Emily will be invited to visit once the paintings are framed and displayed.

Review of Minutes: Gloria Guidera motioned to approve the emailed minutes of the July 2024 meeting, seconded by Mary Tortorici, and unanimously approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report: The August 2024 Treasurer's report was emailed to the PNHS Board members on September 9, 2024. As there was not a quorum of board members present at the meeting, voting on the Treasurer's Report will be tabled until the PNHS Board meeting later in September.

Correspondence: Gloria Guidera stated a donation was made by Alvina Baum's daughters, Robin and Julie, in memory of their mother, to purchase curtains for the building. Robin also donated in memory of Carol Robbins. She wrote thank you notes to Leslie Berry and to Joseph and Barbara Oliver for their donations in memory of Carole Robbins. A sympathy card was sent to John and Faye Hickman expressing the PNHS' condolences for the unexpected passing of John's brother, Fred Hickman.

Collections: Pat Smith reported Charlie Moore donated a grouping of things from boy scouts, including a shirt, camping gear, and a youth baseball uniform. Ryan Mikas donated framed prints of Port Norris and Haleyville. Linda Keen donated "Bits and

Pieces of Marvin Moore's "Journey Through Life" Marvin Moore was a resident of Dividing Creek. If the item is determined not to have significance to the PNHS, it will be donated to the historical society of Dividing Creek. Judy Donohue returned the past newspapers which she read and stated the issues have value and should be reviewed for historical significance.

Membership: Virginia Campbell, chairperson, reported a total of fifty-nine (59) members.

Soup Dinner Fundraiser: Dick Smith met with members at 6:00 pm to discuss the Soup dinner and to collect ticket sales money. All members were asked to be at the PN Fire Hall by 12:30pm to prepare for the dinner. Sam Gross will be paid to work in the kitchen.

Soup Dinner Details:

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

Soups: Bring to the PN Fire Hall on Friday, September 20th between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Day of dinner, bring soups by 12:30 pm.

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

Legends 2025: Mary Linda Lacotte stated nominations for Legends 2025 will open in October. Names of nominees from last year who were not selected as Legends for 2024 will be rolled over for consideration in this year's. At the November meeting, all nominees will be presented. The Nominations Committee will meet and select the Legends for 2025 and announced at the December meeting. Criteria and nominations forms are available on-line. The deposit of \$250.00 has been received by the NJ Motorsports Park.

Comments/Announcements:

Mauricetown Historical Society 40th 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.

Rachel Cobb announced she will be away for business and will not preside over the October meeting.

Rachel C. introduced guest speaker, Emma Wilkerson Hackley, who discussed life in Port Norris, answered questions, with a focus on the flood in the 1950's. Emma H. received two soup dinner tickets as a thank you for her presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mary Linda Lacotte,
Recording Secretary