

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Approved

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Chairperson Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from July 7, 2005. Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jim Horvath seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall House—The Historic Trust has finally approved the submitted bid specs. The township will advertise for bids next week. The bid opening will be held on September 8. Work will begin the first week of October and is slated for 12 weeks. Mike Hanrahan will answer all questions regarding the bid specs as advertised. Leslie will complete the collection packing this week. Merck seems willing to donate a storage space for the collection. We will request a space that has temperature control, and can be locked. Administrator will ask Building and grounds about moving the collection. If they are able to do this work we will ask for a weekday to move things in. If we are moving it we will request a weekend day for moving. We will leave the non collection items (crafts, etc.) in the house out of the way. Administrator will take some measurements of the beds at all three house to determine which pieces will be stored and which will be kept at the Stickney House.

Camp Program—Administrator asked the parents of this years campers about advertising for next year. They recommend that the name be changed to reflect the historic nature of camp. They also suggested more specific description of the projects to be done, especially those aspects that are different than the prior year. We will include those students entering 4th grade this year.

Lecture—Lecture was successful. It brought new people to the museum. Administrator will buy 3 50 foot extension cords for museum. Grohoskis will be volunteering. Jim will bring cooler. Administrator will make sure there are chairs and tables. Nancy and Joyce are arranging the food. Program approved with changes.

Guest House—Nothing new to report

Sunday Open House—Administrator and Nancy O'Malley will post museum open signs. Cooper photo in Democrat. 25 people attended.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Ehrlich—Administrator will talk to Ehrlich about groundhogs at the Hall House, ground bees and snakes at Bouman Stickney..

October Barn Dance—Administrator will find a new caller for this fall. Joyce Lykes will give her Betsy from the Rutgers Promenaders number. Try to set the date for October 8.

Rentals—Havers are interested in having another reunion at the museum. Joe Serrani will have his wedding on the 24 of September.

Museum Camp—Nancy O'Malley has volunteered to bake Snickerdoodles for the Museum Camp. Betty Ann Fort has volunteered to make ginger snaps for the same.

Committee Vacancies—Letter was sent to Peter Hollis regarding the expiration of his term as a Museum Committee member. Committee will write a profile for future applicants. Administrator will speak with Joan Matula for recommendations of Readington teachers. Betty Ann Fort will speak with Sue Reardon and John Painter. Jim Horvath will speak with Ben Smith and Al Rebovich

Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$250 for an internal air conditioner for the museum paid to Jim Horvath. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Hall House paint colors—Jim Horvath brought out an article on the use of blue paint historically. Administrator will write an article about for the newsletter.

Summer Movie program—Rich Grohoski suggested a summer program showing Dorothy Stickney movies in the barn. Administer will research about screen and screening set up. Administrator will research and write a series of articles on the people who visited the house during Stickney's residence.

Jim Horvath made a motion to adjourn at 9:30. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hollander

Museum Administrator