

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
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Chairperson, Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Joyce Lykes, Jim Horvath, Rich Grohoski, Erin Brennan

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from March 1, 2007. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Insurance Letter re: accident—Chuck Waters has an estimate of \$495 to repair the sign

OLD BUSINESS:

First Grade Program

The program went well. The Administrator will be creating a special information sheet of Rules and Regulations for the program for the Teachers and chaperones which will also include recipe ingredients, emergency numbers and cancellation policy. Erin Brennan brought up the subject of program evaluations. Administrator will look into this.

Fifth Grade Program

Program dates are as follows May 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.

Cold Brook School Expansion—Tewksbury

Program dates are April 17-20. Laurie Livesy will be working three of the four dates as part of her training for taking over the program in the fall.

Eversole Hall House

Barbara Grohoski will serve as the main volunteer help for the Hall House Open Houses. Administrator will attend first open house. Administrator will send out press release.

Hall House cellar studs have rotted and are no longer touching the sill plates. Betty Ann and Jim Horvath will meet with Mike Hanrahan to evaluate the situation. Consequently we will relocate the Fifth Grade Program to the Bouman Stickney Farmstead. Boxes in the shed section of the house need to be moved before open house.

Barn Dance

Committee will meet Saturday April 21st to clean barn. Nancy and Jim will not attend the dance.

Guest House

Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath and Administrator met with Vita Mekovetz regarding the guest house and bridge and the fact the Kevin Fischer is no longer working for the Township. Vita recommended that we put the whole package to bid, but that we still would need an architect to put the bid package together and to supervise the project. She also recommended that to make sure we do not go over the amount in the budget for this work that we only bid out those items that have to be done by professionals (hvac, electric, and plumbing) and then add on options for the additional work that could be done by volunteers if necessary in order of priority (sheet rock, tile floor, painting, etc.) Erin Brennan made a motion to ask Mike Hanrahan of Clarke Caton and Hintz to be hired to complete the bid specs for the Guest House and to administer the project after it is awarded to the contractor is selected. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Bridge

Betty Ann Fort will ask John Hansen, engineer, to certify his recommendations for the repair of the bridge. Scott Jessamen will coordinate the repairs

Archaeological Dig

Program was very successful. Betty Ann Fort suggested we have a family day dig this summer. Rich Veit will clean up artifacts, label them and return them to the museum with a report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter—The edited copy returned to the Administrator.

Readington Book-Administrator will compile 20 images for the project.

Parade—Administrator will try to find a horse and cart for the children, and will try to find children to participate

ALHFAM—Jim Horvath made a motion to send the Administrator to the ALHFAM Conference in an amount not to exceed \$1500. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Historic Preservation Award—The Eversole Hall House Project has been recognized by the state and will be awarded as such on April 28 at the Trenton War Memorial. All those attending must submit their names to the State.

Cold Brook School—Rich Grohoski made a motion to purchase a dehumidifier for the Cold Brook School. Jim Horvath seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Bouman Oil Tank—Committee will make the investigation of the tank a priority for 2008.

Administrator Vacation—Administrator requested approval to take a three week vacation in September for her honeymoon. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve vacation leave. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Joyce Lykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator