

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, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski, Erin Brennan

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from April 5, 2007. Erin Brennan made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Insurance update on sign

OLD BUSINESS:

Award—The Readington Museums received an award from the New Jersey Historic Trust for its restoration of the Eversole Hall House. Administrator will write a press release and create an exhibit for the municipal display case.

Guest House

Jim Horvath, Betty Ann Fort and Administrator met with Chris Pickell to complete bid package and supervise construction at the Guest House. He will send us a proposal.

Bridge

Scott Hulcher covered the gap at the bridge. Billy Hunt will come out on Sunday to examine the masonry

Hall House

A dozen people came to the first open house. The Observer published a nice article. We still need to address the issues on the cellar wall and second floor. Administrator will make it a priority to find a plasterer.

Cold Brook School

Laurie Livesy was wonderful and will be capable of doing all our extra programs. After analysis these extension programs do seem to be paying for themselves.

Barn Dance

Nancy O'Malley and Jim Horvath will not be attending. Erin will purchase painters cloth to mask the wood in far aisle of the barn. Betty Ann Fort will take care of refreshments and paper goods. Administrator met with Exterminator about dust in barn and he will set up an appointment for work to be done. Everyone will meet at 5:30 on Saturday to set up.

Saturday Morning Meeting

Meeting will be spent weeding and planting in the garden.

Third Grade

I met with the Third Grade Teachers and Mary Jean DiRoberto about this new program. They approved the first draft of the program on Women in the Revolutionary War. I will be working on the second part of the draft for the next meeting on map skills and Robert Erskine.

Parade

Administrator sent out a request to past campers and will speak to Mary Jean DiRoberto at the school

Museum Camp

The flyers went out to all the school classes at Tewksbury and Readington.

Gardens

Administrator will have mulch and dirt delivered after Fifth grade program is completed. Donna Grohoski is checking about getting fruit trees for the site.

Fifth Grade

We met with the teachers and provided them with the information and rules sheet. Everything went well and the new printer was excellent

New Business

Camp Assistant

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to increase the pay of the camp assistant to \$12 an hour based on experience. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. Joyce Lykes abstained. All the rest of the members present voted in favor.

Future Exhibit

Erin Brennan would like to propose a future photography exhibit on Readington Barns by local photographer. Committee approved once the exhibit space in the Guest House is completed.

Administrative Report

Newsletter

Administrator will write an article on the Readington book, the award and the lecture series.

Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator