

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, Jim Horvath

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander, Jay Kelly, John Klotz

PRESENTATION NATURE TRAIL GRANT: The Open Space Advisory Board was concerned that the trail grant they received is running out. Jay Kelly, John Klotz and Julie Allen met with Greta Kinney and requested and received an extension until January. Jay proposed a double Kiosk set centered between the road and the parking lot approximately 4 x 3 feet for the display on feet with cedar roof. The wood would be painted the same as the house trim. Administrator will send Jay Kelly the trail brochure to update. Jay will submit a 1 page proposal drawing for the Museum records.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from May 3, 2007. Erin Brennan made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

OLD BUSINESS:

Guest House

Jim Horvath made a motion to approve the proposal from Chris Pickell Architecture for the supervision of the Guest House renovation and to send the proposal to the Township Committee for approval as a professional service contract. Nancy seconded the motion. Betty Ann Fort called for a roll call vote. All voted in favor.

Bridge

Administrator will check to see if Billy Hunt met with Scott Jessamen.

Barn

Administrator will get Ehrlich out to look at the issues with the back wall of the barn. The barn had an electric short in the light system. K-Electric will come out first thing tomorrow morning to address the issue. Administrator will talk to the Waters Family about electric problems before their event.

Barn Dance

Administrator booked Betsy Gotta for May 17, 2008 and October 18, 2008.

BSF Septic

Scott Jessamen will bring a back hoe to site to find septic so septic company can clean it out. We will request that a riser be put on it.

Hall House

Tony took care of the grass including that inside the garden gates. A Girl Scout troop is interested in adopting the Garden. Jim Horvath will talk to Chuck Waters about shoring up the cellar walls. Administrator has found a plasterer and will be meeting with him to show him the work needed. Jim Horvath will follow up with Mike Hanrahan to find out if gutter pans were part of the bid contract for the Hall House.

Lecture

Administrator will contact Rich Veit to make sure he is bringing copies of his book for sale and signing to the lecture. Administrator will be writing program and press release for lecture. Committee will provide lemonade, ice tea and cookies.

Third Grade Program

Administrator will email Erskine text Betty Ann Fort.

Museum Camp

We have six campers registered for the first week, seven for the second and four for the third.

Parade Review

Two of the parents volunteered to chair the museum parade committee for next year. The table at community day was quite busy, but there were not a lot of tours at the Hall House.

Administrators Report

Administrator reported on experience at the ALHFAM Conference.

Administrator requested that the Museum committee commit to attend the next two ALHFAM regional conferences in 2008 and 2009 as they are both in New Jersey.

Museum committee requested that the next Museum newsletter include articles on the coverlet, Readington book and lecture series.

Administrator proposed that Museum Committee put something special together in honor of the Museums 20th anniversary come 2008. Committee will brainstorm about ideas and present them at next meeting.

Administrator proposed that in honor of this anniversary the Museum hire a professional to design and print an organizational brochure which will cover all the museum properties, programs etc.

Rich Grohoski made a motion to purchase a costume from Jas Towne for the Museum Administrator. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Administrator made a commitment to reach out to community organizations by making presentations at their meetings. Committee will brainstorm for next meeting about what local organizations they would like the administrator to approach.

Report on Readington Book

A letter is going out to all the businesses, residences, non-profits and Township officials. 180 to 240 pictures will be needed. They need to be collected by September 30. The text needs to be submitted by October and the cover finalized by December 12.

Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator