

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2009

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. He announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Jim Horvath, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, and Erin Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 6, 2009. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

LECTURE SERIES: The Committee noted that twenty people attended the July lecture on New Jersey's terra cotta industry given by Mark Nonesteid. The next lecture, on Bloomery Forges, will be held on August 28.

CAMP: Nancy mentioned that she had spoken to a parent of a camper, who told her that her daughter loved camp. Jim Horvath remarked that the Administrator should be asked to report on what the intern did during her third week.

NEW JERSEY TRUST GRANTS: The Administrator has submitted the final report for the grant related to the Hall House restoration. Nancy noted that the Museum's budget this year is \$18,000 and that we have had no indication that we would receive the grant which we had received for the past several years that had been applied to the Administrator's salary.

GUEST HOUSE: Jim mentioned that Chris of the Township Public Works had indicated that the septic tank would be installed in September. He also noted that the Administrator should submit a work order to have the bridge railing repaired.

ACCESSIONING SOFTWARE: Doug Milne is still working on getting our data to Pastperfect for an estimate.

MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS: Jim raised the issue of how to attract committee members and volunteers. He suggested that we should bring in our friends and neighbors from the Township to work on projects. The Committee discussed the reasons for the Museums' inability to attract and keep volunteers. Possible causes included the lack of follow through and specific tasks for volunteers to handle. Erin Brennan suggested advertising for a *pro bono* volunteer coordinator. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Erin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Respectfully submitted
Erin Brennan, Secretary