

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
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Vice-Chairperson, Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander, Megan and Jerry Schuster, Chris Pickell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from July 5, 2007. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

Garden Presentation: Megan Schuster presented her garden plan for the Eversole Hall House for her Gold Award for Girl Scouts to the Museum Committee. The Committee amended the plan from 10 to eight garden beds. Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the plan and Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The committee set the next work meeting on September 15th to move the peonies and tiger lilies that temporarily resided in these garden beds. Betty Ann will check on prices for wood. Megan will send administrator an estimate of soil needs to order through township building and grounds to finish the raised beds.

Guest House Presentation by Chris Pickell: Chris Pickell presented plans and specs to the Museum Committee. The Committee made the following additions. Remove the hot water tank from basement and install instant hot water heaters for two bathroom and meeting room kitchenette. Add paint and scrape garage door to base bid. Check to see if Garage is to be insulated and add if not. Install switches for future landscape lighting. Replace Garage Window with extra window from bathroom. Research adding grids to all the windows. Add a 4 month penalty clause at \$100 a day. Evaluate whether the electric panel needs to be enhanced. Chris Pickell will select lighting options. Remove Klieg Light to be reattached on a separate light pole at a later date. Chris will submit these altered documents to Vita Mekovetz and to us within the week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Commission Grant—Nancy O'Malley will complete budget forms and submit to Vita to sign and send back to Commission

Plaster Estimate for Hall House—Committee reviewed plaster estimate. Jim Horvath made a motion to recommend to the township that we accept options 1,6,8 and 9 offered in the Premiere Plaster bid. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Administrator will submit contract when she returns. Administrator will request the Plasterer add the \$450 dollar bid for the repair of the Bouman Stickney Farmstead window to this proposal.

Barn Dance—Administrator has confirmed with the caller. Jim Horvath and Nancy O'Malley will be unable to attend

Hall House Open House—Committee decided to cancel last open house due to Kim Costa's inability to host it. Administrator will contact Outwater's Militia to cancel.

Lecture Series—Administrator will contact Central High to inform them of lecture theme as it is part of the ninth grade curriculum. Betty Ann will coordinate refreshments and decoration

Cold Brook School—Betty Ann, Nancy O'Malley and administrator will clean first week in October. Administrator will book other schools that have been a part of the expansion program as Laurie Livesy is not available to run the programs.

Trust Grant—Administrator reported on the final checklist needed to complete the Historic trust grant.

Barn Rental—Jim Horvath made a motion to approve Tricia Sorrows application to rent the Bouman Stickney Barn. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion

Fall Exhibit—Administrator proposed exhibit be a Costume exhibit displaying a century of fashion. Committee approved.

Holiday reception—Committee set date for the weekend of December 8th.

Intern Report—Administrator presented report to the committee.

Hall House Program—Evaluate this fall for next year

Third Grade Program Report—Program tentatively set to run in June of 08.

BSF Oil tank—Jim Horvath will meet with Scott Jesseman in the morning to discuss the possibility of putting the above ground tank in the ground floor of BSF.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator