

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
April 5, 2012

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:44 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, Erin Brennan, Betty Ann Fort, Joyce Lykes, Program Director Kim Costa and Museum Assistant Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2012 meeting, as amended. Erin Brennan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed with Betty Ann Fort abstaining.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S REPORT:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the reports. Jim Horvath praised Margaret Smith's quick action to arrange the cancellation of the March program due to the furnace damage.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Properties:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Puff Back Post Mortem: The Committee discussed the furnace "puff back" and the resulting damage and remediation. The computer and fax machine had to be replaced and the alarm system had to be repaired. The alarm system did not work when the puff back occurred because the phone lines were wet. They will have to be buried. The clean up cost approximately \$11,000 and was covered by insurance.
- Chimneys: The Program Director noted that the chimneys and flues in the kitchen and the furnace should be cleaned to prevent any further incidents. Erin moved that the Program Director be authorized to spend up to \$850 on chimney and flue cleaning. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Program Director be, and she hereby is, authorized to spend an amount not exceeding \$850 to have the kitchen and furnace chimneys and flues at the Bouman Stickney Farmstead cleaned.

- Garden: A Girl Scout Gold Award candidate will be working on the garden.

*Guest Cottage:* Stryker Heating recommended propane forced hot air. Betty Ann and Jim will meet with Scott Jesseman to discuss.

**Programs:**

*Third Grade:* The program is ongoing with six classes left. Feedback has been positive and Betty Ann praised the Program Director on the revisions to the municipal building section.

*April Open House (Floor Cloths):* Fourteen people attended and \$10 in donations were received.

*Barn Dance:* May 19th.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ALFHAM:** The Program Director asked the Committee to approve her attendance at ALFHAM. Erin moved that the Program Director be authorized to attend and the Museums provide \$500 to cover admission fee and lodging. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Program Director be authorized to spend up to \$500 to cover her attendance and lodging at the 2012 ALFHAM conference.

**Collection Purchases:** The Program Director advised that an 1818 copy book came up for auction on eBay. In addition, she recommended that linen be purchased to make bed curtains, which would be historically correct for an 18<sup>th</sup> century house. Betty Ann moved that the Program Director be authorized to spend up to \$75 on the copybook and \$175 on the linen. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Program Director be authorized to spend up to \$75 for an 1818 copybook; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Program Director be authorized to spend up to \$175 on linen fabric for bed curtains.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan  
Secretary