

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEETING
July 5, 2012

Vice-Chairperson Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Erin Brennan, Betty Ann Fort, Joyce Lykes, Helen Farrant, Nancy O'Malley, Program Director Kimberly 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 June 7, 2012 meeting. Betty Ann Fort seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed both reports. The Program Director noted that one of the valances from the bed at Bouman-Stickney is still missing. It was sent to the dry cleaner as part of the clean-up from the furnace problem this winter and didn't come back with the rest. Insurance will give us some money for it but its value needs to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

Programs:

June Friday Evening Lecture: Only two people were in attendance in addition to several Committee members. It was felt that the extreme heat may have been part of the reason for the lack of attendance. In addition, the topic may not have been something that people were interested in. One suggestion for a future topic is to get an architectural historian to speak about the process for learning the history of a house.

Properties:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead:

Electric: The work has been completed.

Garden: The Girl Scout who has been working on the project is not yet finished. She continues to work on it.

Hay Barrack: The Boy Scout who considered constructing one for his Eagle Scout project never committed to it and we have not heard from him.

Eversole-Hall House:

Garden: Brittany, our summer intern, has been working on the garden but needs more mulch. Our garden has not been adopted by a Girl Scout troop this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Programs:

July Friday Evening Lecture: The lecture will be about the Camden and Amboy railroads and will be given by John Kilbride. It will be held on July 27, 2012, at 7:00.

Monday Mornings at the Museum: This program, featuring crafts for children, will take place Monday mornings in July, beginning July 9th. It will run from 10:00 to 12:00 and cost \$3 per child. There will be a hands-on component and a history component to each session. The craft the first week will be Painted Pots, followed by Bride/Bug boxes, Indian baskets, and Critters. There are children signed up for each session but there is room for more.

Fall Exhibit: There will be no fall exhibit this year.

Future Programs: The Museum Director expressed concern that she may have difficulty getting crafters for future programs, including school programs, due to the Auditor's requirement that everyone have a business certificate. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Properties:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead: The Committee discussed the bees that have been boring into the mortar of the stonework and getting into the house. Ehrlich sprayed where they could but it will not fix the problem. Neil Curry, the mason who repaired the porch, was contacted for an estimate.

Joyce moved to hire Neil Curry to repoint the west side of the house at a cost not to exceed \$1,300, and that the work should be funded from the Museum Trust. Helen Farrant seconded the motion. It was

RESOLVED, that the proposal to repoint the west side of the Bouman Stickney Farmstead at a cost not to exceed \$1,300; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding for the improvement to the building set forth in the foregoing resolution be taken from the Museum Trust.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Eversole-Hall House: The house has been rearranged into a kitchen, bedroom and cobblers shop. The tools from the front porch are now at Bouman-Stickney.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy O'Malley
Acting Secretary