

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEETING
September 6, 2012

Vice-Chairperson Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:37 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. Jim Horvath arrived after the meeting had begun. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the August 2, 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. Related to the issue of obtaining tax id numbers from crafters, information from Vita Mekovitz, township administrator, indicated that the crafters do not need business licenses but will need to fill out a W-9. The Program Director has begun researching a new exhibit for the municipal building on WWII food and rationing. Much of the material is from items donated by the Dilley family.

PROGRAMS:

August Friday Evening Lecture: Fifty people attended the lecture on *Ghosts of Central Jersey*. The presentation lasted one and a half hours and audience members were very engaged in the program. Many related their own experiences. This was the last Friday evening lecture of the year.

September Cooking Program: An open hearth cooking class will be held on Saturday, September 8. Only two people have signed up for the program at this time. Kim will run it anyway.

September Open House: Deborah Mores will give a stenciling demonstration on Sunday, September 9, in the barn.

Holiday Event: A *Jane Austen Christmas* will be held on Sunday, December 2. The planned events are open hearth cooking downstairs, and dancing and silhouette making upstairs. The suggestion was made to rent a horse carriage but it was felt that the cost was too high.

School Programs: The Program Director has received no additional information from the first and third grades regarding their participation in our programs. The museum programs have been taken out of the official school curriculum. Betty Ann Fort will attempt to schedule a meeting with the Superintendent and the Humanities Coordinator to discuss the issue.

Cold Brook School: The fourth grade program will take place during the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November. There will be a total of 9 classes.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead:

Weddings: There are currently three weddings scheduled – in October and November, 2012, and in October, 2013.

Valence: A check has been received from the insurance company to cover replacement of the valance that was never returned after the furnace puff back. The money was deposited in the Museum Trust. The Museum Director is looking into obtaining a replacement valence.

Furnishing Plan: The Museum Director sent pictures of a settle bed to a furniture maker in Pennsylvania to see what it would cost to have one made.

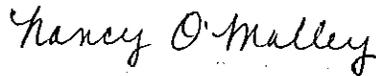
Eversole-Hall House: Helen Farrant brought up the issue of whether there are water/drainage problems with the house. It appears that the window sills are cupped and there is waffling on the north side of the building. There is moisture on the outside although there is no mold on the inside. Jim Horvath and Betty Ann will take a walk around the house to investigate.

OTHER:

Newsletter: The summer edition of the newsletter was sent to everyone on the pdf list and is on the website.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy O'Malley
Acting Secretary