

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
December 6, 2012

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:36 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, Nancy O'Malley, and Program Director Kimberly Costa. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Betty Ann Fort moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2012 meeting, as amended. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S REPORTS:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the reports.

**FINANCE AND BUDGET:** The Program Director reported that there was approximately \$1200 remaining in the budget, not counting the outstanding insurance reimbursement for the computer destroyed during the oil burner incident in February.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Super Storm Sandy:* The Committee discussed the damage to the Museums' security system during the storm. It will be repaired by next week.

*Cold Brook School Stove:* The Program Director reported that Climbing High Chimney Service had looked at the stove and that the functional problems were caused by metal fatigue. The stove must be replaced. The Program Director requested that funds from the 2012 budget be encumbered towards the purchase of a new historically accurate stove. Erin Brennan moved that the Program Director be authorized to obtain estimates to purchase a stove and that any funds remaining in the budget at the end of the year be encumbered towards the purchase of a stove in 2013. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Program Director is hereby authorized and empowered to obtain estimates for a replacement stove for the Cold Brook School; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds remaining in the Museums' budget at the end of 2012 be encumbered towards the purchase of the stove described in the foregoing resolution.

*Bouman Stickney Kitchen Floor:* The Committee discussed the deterioration of the asbestos tiles on the Bouman Stickney kitchen floor. Jim Horvath will discuss proper removal with Scott Jesseman.

**PROGRAMS:**

*First Grade Program:* The Program Director reported that she not yet received any response from the first grade teachers. The teachers will have to respond very soon since it is normally

held in February. Betty Ann reported that she had spoken with the Humanities Supervisor who told her that the classes still intend to participate. Betty Ann will ask her for the social studies curriculum.

*Fifth Grade Program:* Betty Ann presented an e-mail from Tommasina Biase regarding the Fifth Grade Program. Ms Biase advised that the social studies curriculum has not changed and that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade program with the skilled craftspeople should continue.

*Holiday Open House:* The Program Director reported that approximately 100 people attended the Holiday Open House on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Donations of \$132.00 were received.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

*Dancers:* The Program Director noted that two of the dancers demonstrating the Regency dances at the Holiday Open House would like to hold similar dances in the barn.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Erin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Betty Ann seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan  
Secretary