

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
July 11, 2013

Vice-Chairperson Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:41 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, and Museum Assistant Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**GUEST:** Michael Falkner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Betty Ann Fort moved to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2013 meeting. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S REPORT:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the Museum Assistant's report.

**PROGRAMS:**

*Friday Evening Lecture Series:* Ten people attended the first lecture of the year on June 28. The topic was Clocks and was given by horologist Dr. David Sperling. The next lecture will be on July 26 and will be about Breweries.

*Monday Mornings at the Museum:* Margaret will be meeting with Samantha Lelah, the Girl Scout who will be running the programs, tomorrow. At this time there have been a total of 23 sign-ups for the various sessions.

*School Programs:* The schedule for the 2013 – 2014 school programs has not been established. When Kim returns from Williamsburg she and Margaret will meet with school representatives to set the dates.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Surveillance System:* Due to a change in the configuration of the security system, the cost of the system was greater than the \$1600 approved last month. Betty Ann moved that last month's resolution be amended to increase the allowable expense to \$1775. Nancy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The funds to pay for the surveillance system will be withdrawn from the Museum Trust.

The issue of whether to give the Readington police access to the security system was discussed. Betty Ann will ask Chief Donaruma whether the police would like remote access to the surveillance cameras at Stickney.

*Bouman Stickney Window Replacement:* The window that was removed from the building has not been found. Erin will talk to Mike Hanrahan and Pat Fisher-Olsen to find out the most historically appropriate replacement. A decision needs to be made whether to replace just the missing panel or the whole window. The issue of who will pay for the replacement is unresolved.

*Bees:* Margaret had Ehrlich come to the Bouman Stickney farmhouse to look at the bees. Ehrlich does not feel there is a problem at this time. Margaret will keep watch and the issue will be discussed at next month's meeting.

*Gardens:* We will try to find someone to take over the gardens at the Hall House and the Bouman Stickney farmhouse next year.

**DONATIONS:**

*Hibbler Family Bible Donation:* Joyce Lykes spoke to the pastors at the Stanton Reformed Church to see if they would like the bible, since the Hibbler family were members of their congregation. They do not want it. Margaret will return the bible to The Lord's Closet with our thanks and explain that it does not fit the Museum's mission.

*Holland Brook Artifacts:* Although some interesting items have been found, nothing has been offered to the museum at this time.

*Picnic Table:* Mario and Marlene Orlandi would like to donate a large classic wooden picnic table with two benches for the grounds at the museum. Jim Horvath looked at the table and recommended that we accept the table and benches. Betty Ann moved that we accept the table. Helen seconded the motion and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby accept the wooden picnic table with two benches from Marion and Marlene Orlandi.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy O'Malley  
Acting Secretary