

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 9, 2014

Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:41 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, Helen Farrant, Nancy O'Malley, Joyce Lykes and Acting Program Director Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting. Helen Farrant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Election of Officers

- Chairman: Betty Ann Fort nominated Jim Horvath as Chairman. Helen Farrant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice Chair: Betty Ann Fort nominated Erin Brennan as Vice-Chairman. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Secretary: Betty Ann Fort nominated Erin Brennan as Secretary. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer: Betty Ann Fort nominated Nancy O'Malley as Treasurer. Helen Farrant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 Meeting Dates: Margaret Smith presented the list of Committee meeting dates as attached hereto. The Committee discussed the list and noted that the Saturday meeting times are 9:30 a.m. and not 9:00 as indicated in the list. Erin moved that the list of meetings be approved, as amended. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTING PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed the report.

PROGRAMS:

January 18 Cooking Class with Connie Unangst: Six people have paid their class fee. Others are on a waiting list.

February 2 Open House: Sweet Treats and Chocolate with Connie Unangst

First Grade Program (March): Betty Ann will run through the program with Margaret, who will make her debut as Vrou Bouman.

Third Grade Program (April): Margaret noted that we will need a surveyor. Alternatively the mapping program can be simplified. Betty Ann will provide the program dates to Police Chief Donaruma so that Ronan the Police Dog will be available.

Summer Lecture Series: Margaret asked for suggestions. Erin will ask John Kuhl to lecture on Hunterdon County in the Civil War. Betty Ann will ask Dan and Marty Campanelli to give their Sampler lecture. Margaret will try to get Marty the Clock Clinic to come as well. Jim suggested holding an "Antiques Road Show". Margaret will look into it.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead

Floor: Jim referred to a website for Brick Floor Tile Inc. The Committee agreed that a brick tile floor would be worth looking into. Jim will do further research.

Michael Falconer's Metal Detecting: Betty Ann presented the artifacts found by Michael Falconer on the property. The Committee agreed to use them in a Municipal Building exhibit.

OTHER:

Budget: Betty Ann advised anticipating major needs early in the year to avoid having to encumber funds later on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jim Horvath asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Betty Ann made the motion and Erin seconded the motion with the following resolution being unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Museum Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the subject matter set forth below:

Subject Matter	Basis Of Public Exclusion	Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public
Program Director	Personnel Matters	March 30, 2013

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

Nancy moved that the Committee return to Open Session. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan
Secretary