

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2015

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: Committee Members Jim Horvath, Erin Brennan, Betty Ann Fort, Nancy O'Malley and Program Director Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee Members Joyce Lykes, Helen Farrant and Frank Gatti were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Betty Ann Fort moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2015 meeting, as amended. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

PROGRAMS:

Monday Mornings: Margaret Smith suggested raising the fee to \$8.00.

August Lecture: 28 people attended the Lenape lecture. \$112 in donations were received

Open Houses: The September open house will be held on September 13 and will feature a cheesemaker; she has not yet confirmed. The lace maker for the October open house has confirmed.

Fourth Grade Program: Margaret reported that the dates have been confirmed.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead

Bees: Margaret reported that she received a call from a neighbor who keeps bees and asked about pesticides being used on the grounds as her bees were dying. Margaret informed her that we're not using any but renters may be "bombing" the area prior to an event. The Committee agreed that the rental policy should include a no pesticide rule.

Rental Policy: The Committee reviewed the revised rental policy as submitted to the Committee. Betty Ann moved that the policy be approved as amended to add the no pesticide rule. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Eversole Hall House:

Porch: Jim reported that he had spoken to Chuck Waters and he agreed to repair the porch with volunteers.

Cold Brook School: The Committee will meet on September 19th at the school to clean it out prior to the fourth grade program.

Rentals: The following rental application was presented to the Committee for approval:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jessica Randell	September 24, 2016	Wedding—Barn and Grounds
Laurel Walyga	May 7, 2016	Wedding—Barn and Grounds

Erin Brennan moved that the rental application be approved as submitted. Betty Ann seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the rental applications of (i) Jessica Randell and (ii) Laurel Walyga, as submitted to the Committee be, and they hereby are, authorized, approved and ratified.

OTHER:

Internship: The Committee reviewed and approved the proposed letter to professors for next year's intern.

Costumes: Margaret mentioned that the sewing classes at Hunterdon Central may be interested in making costumes for the Museums. She will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan
Vice-Chair and Secretary