

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:** Committee Members Erin Brennan, Nancy O'Malley, Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Margaret Smith, and Helen Farrant attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee Members Betty Ann Fort and Frank Gatti were absent. Also in attendance was one member of the public – Mario Orlandi.

**REORGANIZATION:** The following officers were elected –  
*Chairman* - Erin Brennan (Nancy O'Malley moved to approve Erin as the Chairman. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.)  
*Vice-Chairman* - Sheila Paciullo (Nancy O'Malley moved to approve Sheila as the Vice-Chairman. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.)  
*Secretary* – Helen Farrant (Nancy O'Malley moved to approve Helen as the Secretary. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.)  
*Treasurer* - Nancy O'Malley (Helen Farrant moved to approve Nancy as the Treasurer. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2015 meeting. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**BUSINESS:** The Committee reviewed the 2016 Museums Committee Meeting Schedule. Joyce Lykes moved to approve the schedule. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. Margaret will forward the schedule to be posted in the Democrat and with the township.

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

**PROGRAMS:** recent

*Holiday Open House – December 6:*

- 60 visitors (15 of which were children) attended.
- The museums received \$73 in donations.
- The demonstrations, activities and refreshments made for a very festive day.

**PROGRAMS:** upcoming

*February 7:*

- Confirmed with presenter Connie Unangst.

*Proposed for 2016 : (all dates to be determined)*

- March, September and November programs yet to be finalized
- April reserved for a cooking class in the Bouman-Stickney kitchen.

*School Programs :*

- First Grade dates are April 11, 12, 13, 14..

- Fifth Grade is yet to be scheduled.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Knox Box has been installed.
- Kitchen sink is very slow to drain. Margaret will look into it.

*Eversole-Hall:*

- Chuck Waters is in the process of getting materials to repair the porch floor.
- 2 window lights are not working. Margaret will check to see if the source of the problem – lights or outlets.

*Cold Brook School:* Roof has been repaired.

**OTHER:**

*Eagle Scout:* Derek Scott presented a well-prepared PowerPoint proposal for a Smokehouse project. More research is needed before the Committee can vote on the proposal. Mario Orlandi volunteered to act as a resource for the project.

*New Intern:* No progress.

*Open Museum Signs:* Erin will get additional estimates. Fast Signs’ price seems high.

*Rentals:* The following rental applications were presented to the Committee for approval:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jessica Iselin	June 11, 2016	Wedding
Jim Cochrane and Carolyn Evans	July 16, 2016	Wedding
Jose Hernandez	September 16,2017	Wedding
Andrea (Gellineau) Maldonado	September 23, 2017	Wedding

Joyce Lykes moved that the rental applications be approved as submitted. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

*Committee Membership:* Betty Ann Fort submitted her resignation from the Committee due to schedule conflicts with other commitments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant

Secretary