

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 4, 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, Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Mario Orlandi, Margaret Smith, and Helen Farrant attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Also in attendance was one member of the public.

Committee Member Nancy O'Malley was absent. Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort was absent. Committee member Frank Gatti has resigned.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sheila Paciullo moved to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2016 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**BUSINESS:** Mario Orlandi graciously volunteered to be first on the disturbance/emergency call list. Margaret Smith is second on the call list.

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

**BUDGET: (OPERATING BUDGET)**

Due to recent changes to the "New Jersey Department of State – The New Jersey Historical Commission - GRANT PROGRAM - General Operating Support" from a \$9,000 minimum to a \$100,000 minimum application threshold, the Museum must now apply for a grant through the Hunterdon County Historical/Cultural Commission.

**PROGRAMS:** upcoming

*February 7:*

- Connie Unangst will present Open Hearth Cooking with a focus on chocolate.

*Proposed for 2016 : (all are listed in the Winter 2016 Newsletter)*

- March 6 – Butter Making with Connie Unangst.
- April 3 - Colonial Brewing with Rich Wagner.
- May 1 – Spinning Wheel Demo at the Eversole-Hall House with Viola Prevete.
- May 14 – Barn Dance with Betsy Gotta.
- June 24 – Lecture: NJ Taverns and Stage Coach Travel with Dennis Bertland.
- July 29 – Lecture: Tea Time with Susan Plaisted.
- August 26 – Lecture: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Brewing with Rich Wagner.
- September 11 – Pottery Demo/History with Helen Farrant.
- October 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> Century Schoolhouse at the Cold Brook School.
- October 8 – Barn Dance with Betsy Gotta.
- November 6 – Quince Recipes with Susan Plaisted.
- December 4 – Dutch Christmas with Connie Unangst.

*School Programs :*

- First Grade dates are April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.  
Volunteers are confirmed.

- Fifth Grade dates are May 9, 10, 11, 12 (13 rain/emergency day)  
Volunteers and vendors are confirmed.
- Third Grade dates of June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 are tentative.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Buildings and Grounds was unsuccessful with getting the sink to drain properly. Margaret will call a plumber to snake the drain. She will also check on the last time the septic was pumped.
- The apple trees are due to arrive the week of 3/28. Margaret will contact Dan Allen to help with planting.

*Eversole-Hall:*

- Repairs are planned for the spring but as of yet there are no volunteers to assist.
- Window lights and outlet are now working.

*Cold Brook School:* (nothing to report)

**OTHER:**

*Eagle Scout:* Mario Orlandi volunteered to act as a project/quality control inspector.

*New Intern:* No progress.

*Open Museum Signs:* No progress.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nicole (Heather) Motz	July 9, 2016	Wedding
Christine Aliberti	July 23, 2016	Wedding
Andrea (Gellineau) Maldonado	September 9, 2017 (changed from 9/23)	Wedding

Joyce Lykes moved that the date revision for the Maldonado rental applications be approved. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Helen Farrant moved that the new rental applications be approved as submitted. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sheila seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant

Secretary