

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Mario Orlandi, Margaret Smith, and Helen Farrant attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Also in attendance was one member of the public and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheila Paciullo moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

BUSINESS -

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed the report. The sink drain/septic issue has been resolved. Buildings and Grounds opened the septic and found a pipe that was not properly draining into the septic system. A new drain pipe was installed. – We can all breathe easier.

BUDGET: (OPERATING BUDGET)

After multiple inquiries (thanks to Mario) the powers that be assure us that "All will be explained" at an upcoming workshop geared at demystifying the recent changes to/and how to apply for the New Jersey Historical Commission - Hunterdon County Historical/Cultural Commission - GRANT PROGRAM. Additionally, it was suggested that the workshop might prove a good venue to pool interests of like organizations for the purpose of writing one large grant rather than multiple smaller grants. (The thought is that a larger grant will have greater visibility and therefore is more likely to be funded.)

PROGRAMS: past

February 7:

- The Sunday open house with a focus on chocolate was informative and delicious.
- 40 People indulged.
- Contributions totaled \$116.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

Proposed for 2016 :

- March 6 – All is ready for the open house - Butter Making with Connie Unangst.
- April 3 - All is ready for the open house - Colonial Brewing with Rich Wagner.

School Programs :

- First Grade program (dates of April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) is confirmed and ready to go. Joyce will forward the gingersnap cookie recipe.
- Fifth Grade program (dates of May 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 rain/emergency day) are confirmed and ready to go.
- Third Grade dates of June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 are go, but a rain date is needed.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- The apple trees are due to arrive the week of 3/28.
- Nancy will get a soil test kit.

Eversole-Hall:

- The plan is to have the repairs completed by May. Volunteers are still needed.
- The garden is being nicely maintained.

Cold Brook School: (nothing to report)

OTHER:

Eagle Scout: The Eagle Scout proposes to build the smokehouse off-site and is requesting some construction funding from the museum. However, prior to any funding, the museum needs to see a written cost estimate for the entire project.

Service Projects: Based on the list that John Klotz provided, we should make the following changes

- Add a new outhouse at the Hall House.
- Remove #18 – Install an Historical Marker.
- Add “sew costumes.”
- Add “clean and restore Hall House barn.”

New Intern: No progress.

Open Museum Signs: Staples quote was \$409 vs. FastSigns quote of \$580.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary