

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. Also in attendance were two members of the public. Committee Member Mario Orlandi and Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2016 meeting. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. Erin Brennan abstained. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

BUDGET: (OPERATING BUDGET - GRANT)

Margaret responded to a grant survey from the Cultural and Heritage Commission. Stay tuned. We expect to hear something by the end of the summer.

PROGRAMS: past

May 1:

- The Sunday Open House at the Eversole-Hall House focused on Spinning.
- Viola demonstrated spinning yarn and showcased tools, yarns and finished pieces.
- Margaret gave tours.
- Approximately 17 visitors attended.
- No donations.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

Barn Dance :

- A press release was sent to the media.
- Flyers were posted around town (hardcopy at Bishops, Polar Cub, etc & softcopy on Whitehouse and Get out to Hunterdon Facebook groups)
- The new apple trees will be dedicated to Bob Clapp just prior to the dance. (Representatives from Historic Preservation Commission and the Clapp family members plan to attend.)

June 24 Lecture :

- All is set for the 1st of the summer "Friday Night Lecture" series. The subject is Stagecoach Travel and Taverns of NJ.

Fifth Grade Program :

- Two new folding tables are needed for costume organization/distribution.

- Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$150 for the purchase of two new folding tables. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Third Grade Program :

- All June dates are set.
- Betty Ann and the police dog are chomping at the bit.

Monday Monrnings at the Museum :

- All is ready for Mondays in July.

PROGRAMS: other

Municipal Exhibit :

- The focus of the exhibit will be President Reagan's September 1982 visit to Whitehouse.
- Old photos/memorabilia are requested.
- People will be interviewed.

Holland Brook School Enrichment :

- Stephanie Stevens will lead an architecture tour of the museums on May 10.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Rentals

- Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the rental of the barn and grounds to Meredith Barry, on 8/14/16 for the purpose of a bridal shower. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Rental cancelation on 10/1/16 for Mary Stzyk and Bob Carducci.

Apple Trees

- The trees need to be watered once a week unless we have a decent rain.
- The schedule is 5/11 – Sheila, 5/18 – Nancy, 5/25 – Joyce, 6/1 – Erin.

Bluebird Box Maintenance

- Nothing additional at this time.

Smokehouse – Eagle Scout Porject

- Just waiting for Scout district approval before the project can start.
- The goal is to complete the project before the summer.

Eversole-Hall:

- Chuck Waters has completed the porch and trellis. Very nice.

Cold Brook School: (nothing to report)

Taylor's Mill: (nothing to report)

OTHER:

New Intern:

- Helen Farrant made a motion to hire Julia Sirota as a summer intern starting mid-May and ending August, for 12-15 hours per week at \$10 per hour – all based on Margaret’s final approval. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Museum Signs: Table to end of year..

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shelia seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary