

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, Sara John, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee Member Mario Orlandi and Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort were absent.

New Summer intern, Julia Sirota, was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2016 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

BUDGET: (OPERATING BUDGET - GRANT)

Nothing new except that the County called with additional questions and stated that they are currently looking at all the survey responses.

PROGRAMS: past

Barn Dance:

- A fun day with 75 people in attendance.
- Donations totaled \$388.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

Third Grade Program:

- Due to a conflict with voting the 6/7 program is cancelled.
- Whitehouse School will come on 6/10.

June 24 Lecture:

- The June lecture is switched from Friday 6/24 to Thursday 6/23.
- Readington News, Branchburg New and the Democrat will be notified of the date change.
- The website newsletter will be updated.
- Julia will update online sources.

Monday Mornings at the Museum:

- The flyer is ready.
- The dates are 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1.

Municipal Exhibit:

- Erin will get photos from the Township archives.

- Julia and Margaret started interviewing community members for the Reagan exhibit.
- Julia will head-up the research and data collection.

Camp Winnewald:

- Camp Winnewald will visit on 7/6.
- Margaret will act as the “lady of the house”.
- Betty Ann is ready on candles.
- Dominick is booked for militia.
- Margaret will ask the Township to pre-cut sheets of tin for tinsmithing.

PROGRAMS: other

Outreach:

- Margaret mentored a group of Hunterdon Central High School History Honor Society members for their History Night Program.
- Readington Museums sponsored the team by lending a few costumes, activities and props for their hands-on children’s program.
- The focus of the exhibit will be President Reagan’s September 1982 visit to Whitehouse.
- Old photos/memorabilia are requested.
- People will be interviewed.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Rentals

- Nancy O’Malley made a motion to approve the rental of the barn and grounds to Brandon Togneri on 8/6/16 for the purpose of an engagement party. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Keys

- Margaret has extra house keys, barn keys and temporary barn keys.

Old Boombox

- The old boombox is no longer being used due to outdated technology. We will donate it.

Apple Trees

- Nancy, Erin, Joyce and Sheila will continue the watering schedule.

Eversole-Hall: (nothing to report)

Cold Brook School: (nothing to report)

Taylor’s Mill: (nothing to report)

OTHER:

Facebook Revisit:

- Margaret will talk with Betty Ann and Vita about using Facebook to promote the museums.

NJ Association of Museums:

- Margaret renewed the membership for 5 people.
- The annual meeting, at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, is 6/20 and Margaret, Julia, Sheila, Erin and Helen will be attending.
- Joyce made a motion to expend \$125 for the above mentioned people to attend the meeting. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary