

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 7, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, Helen Farrant, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and summer intern Julia Sirota attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2016 meeting. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

BUDGET:

We have approximately \$12K remaining.

GRANT:

Nothing new from the county. We expect to hear something by the end of the summer.

PROGRAMS: past

Third Grade:

- Completed.
- Julia acted the part of the surveyor.

June 23 Lecture:

- 24 people attended.
- We collected \$43 in donations.
- While the program was informative, very little of it addressed local taverns and tavern life.
- Side note – we could not find the projection screen and improvised by hanging a sheet from a side rail. (see below)

Camp Winnewald:

- In total, 19 campers and 4 counselors attended.
- They were split into two groups that rotated through four stations: candled dipping, tinsmithing, Vrouw Bouman visit, and militia training. Then they stayed for a picnic lunch in the barn.
- Due to increases in materials, etc we will most likely have to increase the per camper cost next year.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

July 29 Lecture - Tea:

- Three different teas will be served along with a variety of small, appropriate yummys.
- We'll setup small tables with china cups and saucers.

- Margaret will get ice.
- Committee members will make period appropriate cookies, etc.

Monday Mornings at the Museum:

- All is ready.

RENTAL POLICY:

Recent Problems:

- A local resident has complained of excessive noise, smoke/cooking odors and events running later than cutoff times occurring every weekend.
- Since there has been quite an email thread regarding the issue, Margaret will meet with Vita to discuss the issues to work on a viable resolution.
- In the meantime – Margaret
 - Will request that the police drive over at 10pm to make sure that the event is over.
 - Will attach a copy of the Renter's Policy to all applications. Renters will have to initial the paragraphs pertinent to grill placement, sound systems and event end-time.
- The committee will discuss increasing the security deposit.

June Rental Violations:

- There were nails and staples violations from two different June brides.
- Joyce Lykes made the motion to retain the entire security deposit from both of these brides. Mario Orlandi seconded the motion. The Committee passed the motion unanimously.
- Margaret will contact the renters.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Security

- It would be advantageous to have a security camera monitoring the barn area.
- Margaret will contact Whitehouse Security about installing a camera in that area and will request that there be no additional cost for the annual central station fee.
- Helen Farrant made the motion to spend up to \$700 for the installation of a new security camera to monitor the barn. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Smokehouse

- Derrick has gotten all the approvals he needed on his end to go ahead with the project. He has collected all the donations and has modified the flue design.
- The actual placement decision is needed.

Screen & Bluetooth Microphone & Speakers

- After much searching, the projection screen is still MIA.
- Often it is difficult to hear presenters in the barn over the sound of the fans. (electric fans as well as those of our adoring crowds) So, a Bluetooth microphone and speakers will alleviate the problem.
- Mario Orlandi made the motion to spend up to \$300 total for a new screen, a Bluetooth microphone and speakers. Joyce Lykes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Also, Margaret noticed that two buckets and a galvanized pail were missing from the property.

Eversole-Hall:

- The electrician is coming to check on the circuit. Margaret got zapped a bit turning on an outlet.

Cold Brook School: (nothing to report)

Taylor's Mill: (nothing to report)

OTHER: (tabled for next month)

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sheila seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary