

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Sheila Paciullo, Mario Orlandi, Helen Farrant, attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Museum Director, Margaret Smith and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were absent. Sarah John (member of the public) attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2016 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Minutes from the August 20, 2016 meeting were tabled for the October 6, 2016 meeting.

BUSINESS -

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

GRANT:

- Gabrielle Bolarakis, from Recreation, now has Mario's contact info so the two of them can discuss merging with a nonprofit (501(c)3).
- Margaret and Nancy are signed up for the 9/15 The mandatory ADA workshop.
- Margaret is signed up for the 9/21 CHPP workshop. Erin and Sheila will also attend.

PROGRAMS: past

August 26 Beer Lecture:

- 19 people attended on a hot summer night. (No tasting was involved.)
- We collected \$50 in donations.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

September 11 Open House - Pottery:

- Set and ready to go.
- Need a projector, screen and chairs to be setup.

October Open House at Cold Brook School:

- Erin and Sheila will dress up and assist in teaching quill pens, etc.
- Sarah volunteered to bring apple butter.
- Erin will bring bread for the apple butter.
- We should ask someone who was involved in the construction to be on-site.

Municipal Building Exhibit:

- The exhibit was installed August 12.

Fourth Grade at Cold Brook School:

- Dates are set.

- Currently in planning stage and asking for volunteers.

RENTAL POLICY:

Noise:

- Noise seems to be an issue of concern from a neighbor.
- A discussion on the issue included perhaps restricting the location of amplifiers and amplification limits.
- It was suggested that a state approved Noise Consultant might be helpful.
- Erin has a contact from Rutgers who is either a Noise Consultant or knows of one.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

August 21 Wedding

- Burlap was tacked to the barn and hay bales were inside the barn.
- The matter of retaining/returning this security deposit was tabled for the October meeting when Margaret will be in attendance.

Smokehouse

- The foundation has been poured and is curing.

Security Cameras

- The search continues.

Grain Bin and Well – Eagle Scout Project

- Alex Jaszyn (Eagle Scout Candidate) was on-site to show the committee the project and discuss how the septic cleanout can be accessed.
- The committee was shown two possible hinges for the bin and chose one of them.
- The committee had concerns regarding the construction of the units and requested that the insides of each should be stained.
- Alex asked the museum for \$125 to cover materials/supplies for which he was unable to get funding. This along with project signoff was tabled for the October meeting.

Barn Floor

- A few committee members noticed a previously un-noticed irregularity/deterioration in the concrete floor.
- We'll point that out to Margaret at the September open house

Eversole-Hall:

- Still working on the electrical issue.

Cold Brook School:

- September 17 is the day for cleaning.

Taylor's Mill: (nothing to report)

OTHER:

- Nothing else.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary