

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2017

Vice Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 Sheila Paciullo, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, Joyce Lykes, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Member Helen Farrant and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort, were absent. Sarah John, a member of the public, also attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting as amended. Mario Orlandi seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sheila Paciullo was elected Chairperson for 2017. The other officers will be: Vice Chairperson Mario Orlandi, Secretary Helen Farrant and Treasurer Nancy O'Malley.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS: There are two openings on the Museum Committee. Candidates will be interviewed by the end of the month.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: The 2017 proposed schedule of meetings was reviewed. The meetings will continue to be at 7:30PM on the first Thursday of each month and at 9:30AM on the third Saturday of each month as needed. Margaret will submit the dates to the appropriate parties.

RENTAL POLICY: Awaiting feedback from the Township on policy changes submitted. Inquiries will be made for update on status.

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

GRANT:

- The review of applications has been delayed. It is anticipated that the results will be available by January 26, 2017.

PAST PROGRAMS:

December 4th – Dutch Sint Nikolaas Day

- 60 people attended the open house, which included a cooking demonstration (waffles), music, crafts and the presence of Sint Nikolaas.
- The museum received \$124 in donations.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- February 5th - Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong will do a weaving demonstration.
- March 5th – Connie Unangst will do a cooking demonstration
- April 2nd – Lucy Walch will demonstrate rug hooking
- The July and August lectures are yet to be booked. We're waiting to hear from Michael Gabriele (dinners) and would like to have Peter Rose lecture on the influence of the Dutch on the American kitchen. Margaret Smith, Program Director, spoke with the governing committee from the Vanderveer House and received positive feedback regarding Peter Rose.
- The lectures/open houses for the remaining months have all been scheduled.
- School programs are in the process of being scheduled. Scheduling of the first and third grade programs has been finalized. We are waiting to hear back from the schools regarding the fifth grade program.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Smokehouse

- We are awaiting warmer weather so we can try it out.

Barn Floor & Railings

- Chuck Waters will grind the protruding re-bar.
- Chuck Waters is researching ideas for a wooden railing for the steps that can be reinforced without damaging the barn.
- These activities are currently pending.

Stain Barn and Corn Crib

- The staining of the barn and corncrib has been completed.

Wind Damage

- Chuck Waters assessed the wind damage of the barn door and felt that nothing needed to be done at this time.

Kitchen Floor

- Waiting for an estimate.

Ramp

- Money for this project was encumbered from the 2016 budget.
- Neil Curry, a mason, was contacted for a proposal and estimate. Other proposals may be sought.
- Margaret will discuss with the appropriate township officials the kind of permits and ADA approvals that would be necessary.
- This item was tabled for further discussion.

Eversole-Hall:

- A new 24-star flag was purchased and hung on the building.

Cold Brook School: (nothing to report)

Taylor's Mill: (nothing to report)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy O'Malley
Treasurer