

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 2, 2017

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Joyce Lykes, Mario Orlandi, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort, was absent. Sarah John and Rene Rao, members of the public, were present.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The Committee discussed and approved filling the open seats with candidates, Sarah John and Rene Rao. Sheila Paciullo will submit these candidates to the Township Committee for final approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mario Orlandi moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2017 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

GRANT:

- Margaret received a tentative approval of the museum's grant request for \$6,500. Final notification is expected shortly.
- A BIG thanks for all the hard work in writing/submitting the grant data.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Ramp

- Mike Kovonuk (code enforcement officer) informed us that an ADA ramp requires plans from a licensed architect and permits.
- An alternative is a temporary/portable ramp that would be used on an as-needed basis for visitors who cannot navigate the stairs or current museum access.
- Also there was a discussion about having a virtual slideshow of current and older exhibits.

Flood Light for Porta-John

- Adequate lighting is needed by the porta-john.
- Margaret will speak with Scott about installing a flood light projecting on the porta-john.

Kitchen Floor

- Nothing new except that Margaret is waiting for a return phone call from Neil Curry.

Eversole-Hall:

- If we notice any lights out as we pass by please notify Margaret.

Cold Brook School: Nothing to report

PROGRAMS: past

No program in January

PROGRAMS: upcoming

February 5th Open House – Weaving:

- Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong are ready to go and prefer to setup in the hearth room.

2017 Programs:

- Most events and presenters are booked, with one or two slots still pending.
- Peter Rose is booked for the July 21 program – “Art in Food & Food in Art”.
- **The Partners in History** - school program dates for grades 1, 3, and 5 are all scheduled with the Readington Schools. Additionally, May 26th has been reserved by the Plainfield school district for a 3rd grade program.
- **November Smokehouse** – it appears that a January date might be more appropriate for this event. Mario will communicate with Susan Plaisted about the possibility of a coordinated program.

RENTAL POLICY:

- Updates on the policy changes have been submitted. We now await final township approval.

OTHER:

Eagle Scout Projects:

- Discussion focused around the need for a procedural checklist and more museum interaction prior to/during the process.
- Margaret will check with the Red Mill (and others) to gather ideas on their process.
- Future projects to consider may be –
 - The out-house at the Hall house.
 - A tool shed for the garden at the Hall house.
 - Clearing/researching/restoring the Bouman-Stickney springhouse.

Summer Intern:

- Sarah knows a possible candidate for the summer intern position.
- Margaret should expect an email shortly.

Hunterdon County Community Day – June 3rd:

- Based on past experience, for which there was little community interest in attending the event, we have decided to pass on the June 3rd date.
- A Memorial Day event may be the better venue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary