

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2017

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Sarah John, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort, was absent.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Welcome new committee members Sarah John and Rene Rao.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce Lykes moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

GRANT:

- We're waiting to hear for the final notification.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Flood Light for Porta-John

- The electrical estimate to install a new pole with 2 led lights came in too high.
- Other options were considered –
 - Temporary motion sensitive lights
 - Solar powered lights
 - Perhaps moving the porta-john to a more well lit area.
- In the discussion with Scott Jesseman, Buildings and Grounds also mentioned that they were looking into redoing the electric and phone service to the house as a capital improvement.

Eversole-Hall: Nothing to report

Cold Brook School: Nothing to report

PROGRAMS: past

February 5th Open House : Weaving

- 40 Adults and 3 children attended.
- The museum received \$74 in donations.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

March 5th Open House – Open Hearth Cooking

- Presenter and program is confirmed and ready to go.
- Committee members will help with signs.

2017 Programs:

- Presenters are booked.
- **The Partners in History** –
 - Whitehouse School is set for early March.
 - Three Bridges School is set for April.

RENTAL POLICY:

- The Township has approved the updated rental policy (with one small change in the tent size – now 12x12) and it has been posted on the website.

OTHER:

Eagle Scout Projects:

- There are 2 prospective scouts looking to do projects.
- Sarah will research other how other organizations handle their procedure.

Spinning Wheel:

- Joanne Bakerian has donated a functioning spinning wheel which will replace our current unusable one.
- Sarah made the motion to accept the donation. Joyce seconded the motion. And the motion passes unanimously.

Yearly Donation:

- The Museum again received a yearly donation from Octavia Storms.
- An appropriate letter of acknowledgement will be sent.

Intern:

- Prospective intern, Renee Stemcovski, was interviewed by phone on 2/17 – with positive results.
- Mario made the motion to hire Renee as a summer intern for up to 15 hours per week at \$10 per hour under the condition that she meets with Township approval. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
- Margaret will talk with Vita about hiring Renee for the intern position.

Possible Sub-Committee:

- Mario is taking on the task of writing a proposal for a sub-committee to help with building and grounds issues. He will present the proposal at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary