

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 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, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee member, Mario Orlandi, and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort, were absent.

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

The committee reviewed the amended minutes from the November 3, 2016 Executive Session. Rene Rao made the motion to approve the amended minutes and release them to the public. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

GRANT:

- The grant, in the amount of \$6300, was awarded from the Hunterdon County Cultural Heritage Commission.

BUDGET:

- The museum anticipates spending \$7000 on vendors and associated items through 12/17.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

Lights for Porta-John

- Rene researched and presented a selection of temporary lighting options.
 - Colonial looking lanterns with battery operated luminaries and shepherd hooks for hanging. These would be placed along a walking path to the porta-john.
 - A tap light to be placed inside the porta-john.
- The committee discussed the various design options and came to an agreement.
- Rene made a motion to spend up to \$275 for 8 lanterns, 8 shepherd hooks and the tap light. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 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

March 5th Open House : Open Hearth Cooking

- 40 Adults and 4 children attended the event.
- The museum received \$42 in donations.

April 2nd Open House – Rug Hooking

- 35 People attended the program.
- The museum received \$8 in donations.

First Grade School Program –

- Complete.
- Classes from the White House School and Three Bridges School attended.

PROGRAMS: upcoming

May 7th Open House : 18th Century Ice Cream (Yum)

May 13th Barn Dance : (We'll need it after eating all the ice cream.)

- The press release has been sent for both events.

October Barn Dance:

- The date has been changed to October 21st.

Partners in History School Program:

- The fifth grade program is scheduled for the end of April.
- The third grade is scheduled for May.

2018 Events:

- Sarah John has a possible lecturer for the 2018 season. She will contact and report at a future meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE:

- Museum by-laws allow for the establishment of a sub-committee, headed by at least one committee member, where written minutes are recorded.
- The committee discussed pursuing the idea of establishing a sub-committee.
- The sub-committee would report to the museum committee, providing research and advice on various building and grounds projects. Additionally, they would oversee and work on those projects.

OTHER:

Saturday Meeting with Stephanie Stevens:

- Margaret will invite Stephanie Stevens to the museum on Saturday May 20th (from 9-11am) the purpose of which is to serve as an “historic information/data dump” for the committee members.

Cultural Heritage Community Day:

- Margaret will attend the event and represent the museum on Saturday , June 3rd.

Intern:

- Renee Stemcovski was interviewed and approved by the township committee to work up to 15 hours a week , at \$10 per hour.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary