

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

approved

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Vice Chairperson Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 9:35 am

**PRESENT:** Jim Horvath, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski, Joyce Lykes, Erin Brennan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Museum Administrator A. Hollander, Kim Costa

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from February 18, 2006. Rich Grohoski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Noted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sunday Open House: Open Hearth and Band Box open houses had over 20 people each. Open Hearth had excellent coverage in the papers.

First Grade Program: Program went successfully. Two classes were cancelled and rescheduled with no difficulties due to Administrator's illness. Newsletters were handed out to all parents who chaperoned the classes.

BSF furniture: Joyce Lykes made a motion to appropriate funds from the museum trust to purchase a blanket chest, commode and wash stand from Chelsea Forge Antiques not to exceed \$600. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Cold Brook School Fence: Administrator has received three phone bids for fence. The bid from Rudl Fencing for \$3,000 is the lowest. Administrator will contact Rudl and start the process of installing the fence.

Fifth Grade Program: Administrator will evaluate script and note where changes need to be made in case the program needs to be run at the Stickney Museums instead of the Hall House. Administrator talked to Tmmy Biase and made arrangements for the program to be me moved to the Bouman Stickney Farmstead. Administrator will work with Betty Ann Fort to adapt program to new site.

Fall Exhibit: Administrator proposed a train theme for the fall exhibit. Committee approved. Erin Brennan will help research the exhibit.

CBS Fence: Administrator will speak with Rudl Fencing about adding a rail in height and cutting down the cross rails to raise the point of the post to over 6 foot 5 inches high.

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Museum Camp: Museum committee reviewed new camp brochure and made changes. Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the brochure as amended. Nancy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Municipal Exhibit: Basket theme approved

Newletter: Museum Committee suggested including the following subjects in the spring Newsletter: Museum Camp, May's Open House, New Furniture/ curtains, lecture series Parade, Barn Dance.

Guest House: Work had begun again

Hall House: Township awarded the bid in January. Township Attorney reviewed contract for a month and sent it out. Contractors have had it for 3 weeks and haven't signed it yet. Jim Horvath will check if there is a penalty for delaying work.

BSF: Administrator will speak with Kevin Fisher about washing the Barn. Administrator will speak with Ehrlich re: sawdust in barn. Rich Grohoski volunteered to work on shutters for Farmhouse.

New Business:

Kim Costa: Presented proposal to open Hall House one Sunday a month from the end of April-end of September from 1-4 pm. Each Month would have a thematic subject which would stay the same annually but have different activities. For instance the social custom month could have tea etiquette one year and dancing the next. Kim would work 4 hours each open house, be responsible for the garden upkeep and be paid \$18 an hour plus any material costs. She would need one volunteer for each open house.

Kim Also made a proposal to do a Gingerbread Workshop in December at the Bouman Stickney.

Joyce Lykes made a motion to hire Kim as an independent contractor to run the Sunday Hall House program once the work at the site is completed. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. The committee also decided to hire Kim for the Gingerbread demonstration for December 10. Administrator will see about getting the scout troops to participate in a gingerbread house contest (winner by popular vote)

House Inspection from last week: Tabled till next meeting

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to adjourn at 11:10. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*ADJOURNMENT:* The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. Respectfully submitted  
Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator