

The Port Norris Historical Society

January 10, 2023

Members Present: E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, S. Damato, G. Guidera, B. Hall, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, L. Hoffman, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lacotte, J. Massey, S. Ricci, R. Smith.

The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:02pm, in the Society's headquarters building, with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and the Secretary present.

January Meeting: The December 2022 minutes, Treasurer's report for December 2022, the January 2023 meeting agenda, and a Committees List were emailed to active members on January 9, 2022.

Review of Minutes: Gloria Guidera made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting as emailed to active members. The motion was seconded by Joyce Massey with unanimous member approval.

Treasurer's Report: Available upon request.

Meetings 2023: Rachel C. expressed a desire to shorten the length of the business portion of the monthly meetings to allow ample time for programs and/or speakers. The monthly Treasurer's reports will be emailed to Board of Trustees and Officers and will not be distributed at the meetings. Committees will meet throughout the month as needed, and provide a brief report at the monthly meeting.

Meeting dates: Members decided to meet on Tuesday, February 14th, the regularly scheduled second Tuesday of the month. After discussion, a motion was made by Gloria Guidera and seconded by Virginia Campbell to change the summer meeting dates, holding a regular meeting in July, with no official meeting during the month of August. The annual picnic will be held in August, at which time a non-scheduled meeting could be held for any pertinent business.

Programs for monthly meetings: Members suggested the following ideas/topics for programs as part of our monthly meetings:

Speakers: Millville Air Museum, Cindy Tawes, Steve Fleetwood, Rachel Dolhancyk, Dick Smith – A walk through town (Port Norris).

Topics/Programs: Meerwald, Port Norris State Police, Port Norris Fire House, Mauricetown, Duck hunters, Rutgers Research, Bison Farm, Alpaca Farm.

Committees: Rachel C. asked for members to review the committee listings and to notify her if one wishes to remain or be removed from a committee. The Nominations committee may have a vacancy as Joyce Massey accepted the Treasurers position. A new Museum committee will be formed to plan for interactive displays, exhibits, etc. etc. This committee will work in collaboration with the Collections committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Virginia C. reported our membership totals for the year 2022: a total of 76 members, including 58 members and 18 honorary members (Living Legends).

Correspondence: Gloria had no correspondence to report

Collections: Members of the Collections committee met with Rachel Dolhancyk on Friday, January 6th, at the township municipal building (Wi-Fi service available) to set up the database for documentation of all items in our collection. Note: Rachel D. has been named Interim Director of the Bayshore Center.

New Collection item: Joyce Lore donated a large picture of Port Norris School with individual students' photos.

Welcome Committee: No visits recently; brochures are needed for the welcome bags, specifically the Levoy Theater.

Seed Swap: Rachel C. announced the Seed Swap will be held Saturday, January 28th, inclement weather date of February 6th, from 10:30 am – 12:30pm. Virginia C. has volunteered to assist with the event. Kevin Smith, a Port Norris resident, is trying to establish a Community Garden. Donations of plastic milk jugs are requested for this project.

Legends 2023 – Wayne Birmingham decided to reinstate his nomination as a Living Legend. An email vote was taken of members present at the December 2022 meeting (official Legends voting) to add Wayne's name to the Legends for 2023. "Yes" replies were received from fifteen of the twenty-two members included in the email vote. There were no other replies received. After Wayne declined the original nomination, it was realized the Legends Nominations Form needed to be revised and updated. The new narrative format was presented to members.

Menu: the Legends Committee met on January 6th and selected the following menu for the Awards luncheon: Tossed garden salad; Entrée choices - Chicken parmesan, baked flounder stuffed with cheese and spinach, slow roasted pork loin with demi-glaze; Dessert -bread pudding with bourbon cinnamon sauce.

Cost: Due to the increase in the cost of entrees charged by the NJMP for the Legends Awards Luncheon, following discussion, of members present at the January 10th meeting, the consensus was to charge \$38.00 for each meal.

Invitations: Rachel C. presented several choices of photographs to be used on the front of the invitation. Members present selected the photo of the trolley car in Port Norris.

The committee suggested to have five smaller themed baskets for the auction.

A non-alcoholic beverage toast to celebrate the New Year was enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting. Following, members participated in a fun trivia quiz, using questions/answers from the Port Norris Historical Society newsletters' "Ask Norris" facts.

Next meeting: February 14, 2023

Rachel adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary

Corrections: Date _____