

# The Port Norris Historical Society

May 9, 2023

**Members Present:** E. Bernhardt, V. Campbell, R. Cobb, S. Damato, G. Guidera, F. Hickman, J. Hickman, B. Hall, L. Hoffman, T. Hollinger, S. Hollinger, M.L. Lacotte, J. Lore, D. Pettit, S. Ricci, D. Smith, P. Smith, Guests: Joseph Elwell  
The regular meeting of the Port Norris Historical Society was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, commencing at 7:02 p.m., in the Society's headquarters building, with President, Rachel Cobb, being in the chair and the Secretary present.

**March Meeting:** The April 2023 minutes and the May 2023 meeting agenda were emailed to active members in May 2023. The Treasurer's Report for April 2023 was emailed to Executive officers on May 6, 2023.

**Review of Minutes:** Corrections to April 2023 minutes: Dick Smith reported the Soup Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023. Two people will be making the same soup to total the number of gallons needed for each specific soup served. Commitments have been obtained for the following soups: shrimp bisque, oyster stew, clam chowder, crab, tomato Florentine, Italian wedding, chili, and vegetable. Gloria Guidera made a motion to approve the emailed minutes of the April 9, 2023, meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Faye Hickman with unanimous member approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** With the request for a breakdown of the Legends Awards income, a motion was made by Virginia Campbell and seconded by Gloria Guidera to table the May 2023 Treasurer's Report as Treasurer, Joyce Massey, was on a trip and absent from the meeting. The revised report will be emailed to PNHS Board members later. A minor correction was reported and corrected prior to the meeting. Liz Hoffman suggested any/all monies, receipts, etc. be placed in envelopes marked with the amount, date, and person's name to assist the treasurer with record keeping. A remittance form will be created to be included in the envelopes. Forms and envelopes will be available at the building.

**Monetary Donations:** A donation of \$100.00 was received from Alvina Baum's daughter, Robin, in honor of her mother and Ethalinda Blackman, both PNHS Legends. Donna Bailey donated \$500.00 in memory of her brother Craig, her mother and Aunt Alvina Baum for Mother's Day, and her father for Father's Day. Dick Smith reported the PNHS received a \$500.00 donation from Michelle Bateman, which she received from Commercial Township for participation in a community clean-up project. The group of people who participated in the clean-up did not represent any one organization, so the monies were donated to the PNHS. Pat and Gordon Moore sent a \$100.00 donation in lieu of attending the Legends Awards. An additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) in accumulative amounts of money was donated from Legends

dinner payments. Dick Smith stated the final installment from the Ethalinda Blackman estate has been received in the amount of \$1,366.10. Ethalinda Blackman was honored as a Legend at the Legends Awards in April 2023.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note was received from Mark Sheppard, representing the Haleyville Methodist Church, for a donation of \$100.00 made by the PNHS in memory of Mary Ella Morie, a former Legend, who passed away recently.

**June Meeting Speaker:** David McCarthy from the Millville Army and Airfield Museum will give a presentation at the June meeting. Members were asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. A \$100.00 fee is charged for the speaker to do an off-site visit. An invitation to visit the Army and Airfield Museum has been extended to our organization.

**Eight Grade Graduation Award:** Rachel Cobb stated she will be unable to attend the Commercial Township Eighth Grade Commencement to present the scholarship award. Liz Hoffman volunteered to make the presentation; Joyce Massey will be contacted to also represent the PNHS at the graduation ceremony.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Virginia Campbell reported a current total of seventy-two (72) members to date, with seventeen (17) honorees and fifty-five (55) standing members..

**Collections:** Sandra Damato donated a menu from the Palomino Restaurant which had notes from a waitress written on the back of the menu.

**Welcome Committee:** No visits this past month.

**Soup Dinner:** Dick Smith reported the Soup Dinner is scheduled for Saturday 23, 2023, at the PN Fire Hall. He needs ten (10) soups and has commitments for nine (9), with a suggestion from members to include a vegetarian soup, possibly bean. Four (4) gallons of each variety of soup is needed, with two people each making two (2) gallons of one type of soup. Two (2) additional gallons of chicken corn chowder soup are also needed, with the recipe to be shared for cooking purposes. Roseann Smith will contact the people making desserts and salads and coordinate the lists. Faye Hickman and Pat Smith will inventory paper products and other supplies. This year three (3) members of the PN Fire Company will be paid to set up, take down, and clean the building. Eleven (11) sponsors have committed to donating \$250.00, with the possibility of three (3) or four (4) additional sponsors. The following area businesses who donated in the past are: ShopRite – Bread, horseradish, and oyster crackers; WaWa – creamers and sugar; Cumberland Dairy – milk and cream for soup; LaMonica clam chowder and clams. Individuals making contributions are Gail Penven - \$250.00 grant through Thrivent to purchase supplies; Faye Hickman - potatoes for the chowders; Helga Ricci – cornbread. Times for the dinner were discussed with take-outs scheduled for a separate designated time from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm only. Eat-in dinners will be served from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Workers will be rotated for various tasks such as servers, desserts, tickets, etc. If anyone knows of any youth groups that

would be willing to volunteer to assist with the dinner, please contact Dick Smith. Ticket prices will be increased to \$15.00/meal. Dick S. will hold a separate meeting to finalize details for the soup dinner.

**Building:** Dick Smith stated the upstairs construction is completed except for hanging doors. He asked for volunteers to clean the upstairs rooms as everything is covered with dust from the sanding, with a date to be determined. All windows have been replaced and the window plaques for upstairs windows were displayed for members.

**Picnic:** Joe and Mary Linda Lacotte are unable to host the picnic this year due to work being done on their house. Last year we had agreed to meet during the month of July and to hold the picnic in August. There will be no monthly meeting in August. Recommendations for places to hold a picnic were discussed, including the Bayshore center in Bivalve. Rachel will ask if the PNHS could meet there on a day other than the Second Friday. Suggestions included an ice cream party in July at the building.

**PNHS Legends 2023 Update:** Mary Linda Lacotte updated members on final plans/figures for the upcoming Legends Awards.

Total # of guests: 174

Total # of Legends/guests: 137

Guests (not Legends invitations) 37

PayPal account: (23) transactions using PayPal for 24 people  
(2) direct deposits into checking account totaling \$895.52  
\$249.00 still pending

Cost of meals: \$25.00/entrée plus \$5.52 service charge  
Total cost \$30.52  
Paid NJMP \$5,325.24 (deposit rolled over \$250.00)

Fundraising profit: \$7.48/person \$1,249.16 total for 167 dinners  
Six dinners for Living Legends paid by PNHS \$183.12  
(1) Child's dinner \$14.95 plus service charge, no profit  
Total profit \$1,066.04

Additional Costs: Centerpiece flowers: \$108.00  
Plaques for seven (7) Legends: \$210.00, (3) were donated  
Final cost \$120.00

Plaques: Total of (7) plaques ordered \$190.22; (3) plaques were donated \$90.00  
Prints: Cost \$208.56

Baskets: Profit \$893.00

New merchandise: Sold 1) insulated lunch bag; Cost \$4.15, sale price - \$8.00

Credit Card Reader: (3) sales on the credit card approximately \$100.00

Rachel has added her name to the PayPal account as an administrator. Difficulty in making changes to the account are for security reasons.

Suggestions: Directions for guests - Have signs and maps available at the gate for guests to follow to the NJMP Officers' Club. The PNHS may consider purchasing a banner tie use for events.

Legends Photos: Each Legend has a page with pictures uploaded to the individual Legends page. There is a page for families with access to download the photos only with access to a link. Virginia Campbell will type up John Maddox's presentation, Faye will type up Joanne Hickman's for Rachel to download onto the website.

**Wi-Fi:** Mary Linda Lacotte conveyed information regarding a plan through Verizon to rent a separate stand alone box to provide WIFI access. There is also the capability to purchase a wireless phone and use the phone to connect to Wi-Fi. Rachel is going to inquire about the options through Verizon.

Dick Smith made a motion to adjourn, Eileen Bernhardt seconded ant the motion was carried. Rachel Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Mary Linda Lacotte, Recording Secretary  
Corrections:

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