

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 07, 2022

Chair Rene Rao called the Webex 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, Mario Orlandi, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, Museum Director, Margaret Smith and Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort were present. Committee member Sarah John was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the May 05, 2022 meeting. Mario seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

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

Of note –

1. The museum received \$140 in donations from the 33 people who attended the June 24th lecture.
2. Margaret sent a job description for a part-time assistant to Rich. Rich will bring that up at the town council meeting scheduled for July 14th.
3. Rich will post an advert for bids, for the Bouman Stickney roof and porch jobs, by Monday, July 11th.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead: see information noted in the Program Director's Report
Also, the barn roof is leaking at the peak. Margaret is getting quotes for immediate, emergency repairs.

Eversole-Hall:

- We have no update on the status water issues, floor and roof work.
- There is new damage to the siding in one spot. Perhaps as a result of over-exuberant landscaping. Margaret submitted a "please repair" work order to the township.

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing to report.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

PAST Programs-

3rd Grade Program –

- The program was held outside and was totally successful. Additionally, Margaret added a quill pen lesson.
- Adjustments will be needed to the program since the 3rd grade curriculum is changing next year.

Homeschooling Program-

- There were problems because the students arrived late. This will have to be resolved going forward.

UPCOMING Programs-

Monday Mornings at the Museum – July 11 – August 1

- So far only one person has registered for the July 11 session. We may need to postpone/cancel.

July 29 The Kitchen Historian –

- Lecture in the barn.

August 7th Readington History Talk by Stephanie Stevens -

August 14th Slavery in Readington Lecture -

- About 30 people have already registered.

August 26th Burial Grounds Lecture -

- About 30 people have already registered.

Dorothy Stickney Art Series-

- The Hunterdon Harmonizers may be interested in a return performance.

OTHER:

Ridge Gives Back Volunteer Day – Sarah John was the go-to person

- They worked on the trails and scraped the fence.

Spring Spectacular Museum Table-

- About 60 people visited the museum table.

Metal Detecting –

- Margaret received an email from Mitchell Speert of Deep Search Metal Detecting regarding metal detecting at the museum. She forwarded him some pertinent information. She will invite him to the next committee meeting so he can explain his process and proposed scope of work.

Volunteers -

- 4 people called because they saw the volunteer sign at the Hall House. 2 of them have agreed to help.

Barn Rental –

- This is for an eagle scout ceremony scheduled for August 11th, 7:30 – 8:30pm, with 30 – 35 people in attendance.
- The committee discussed the possibility of waiving the rental fee.

- Mario made the motion to approve the rental (with the fee waived and as long as it was ok'd by the township). Joyce seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant