

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2018

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Nancy O'Malley, Joyce Lykes, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith, and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were in attendance. A quorum of Committee members was present. Sarah John, Mario Orlandi and Rene Rao were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheila made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting, as amended. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS -

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

GRANT: The Committee discussed the 2018 CHPP grant reviewer remarks and recommendations and talked about how to incorporate these suggestions into the 2019 grant request.

Margaret requested the Committee read the 2019 grant request in detail and email her additional ideas to improve what is written.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Kitchen Floor –
 - There has been a delay with the installation.
 - Margaret left a message with the tile store/installer stating that she'd like the work done during the week of 11/12. But, she hasn't heard from them. Mario may be called upon to get an actual date pinned down.
- Kitchen Painting -
 - James Knowles has been painting and should finish by mid-October.
 - Margaret showed the Committee photos of the results so far. Beautiful!
- Bats –
 - The bat protection stuffing that was installed around the entryways in 2014 has started fall out.
 - Margaret met with Ehrlich to inspect. She scheduled for them to update and reinstall, but is just waiting for an actual date.
- Dehumidifier -
 - There was a recall notice on the dehumidifier. So, Margaret submitted all the required proof to receive a new one. And a new, replacement dehumidifier arrived within a week.

- Alarm -
 - Messages have been displaying on the panel and setting the alarm has been a challenge.
 - Margaret has been working with WH Securities to resolve the issue. For now everything seems okay but Margaret is keeping an eye on things.

Eversole-Hall: nothing new

Cold Brook School:

- All the cleaning and prep work is complete/ready for the open house and 4th grade class visit.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

September 9th – Open Hearth Cooking

- The event was cancelled; we hope to reschedule.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

October 7th Open House – 19th C. Cold Brook School

- Helpers are needed for the day.

October 20th- Barn Dance

- Helpers are needed for the day.

Partners in History – 4th Grade Visit to Cold Brook School

- Helpers are needed for the program.

November 4th – Smokehouse Demo

- Mario will work with Susan Plaisted on getting everything ready.

OTHER:

Fire Inspector's Report -

- The Committee discussed the fire inspector's evaluation of the properties.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary