

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 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, Mario Orlandi, Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, and Joyce Lykes were in attendance. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liason Betty Ann Fort, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and committee members Helen Farrant and Rene Rao were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheila Paciullo moved to approve the revised minutes from the October 4, 2018 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

BUDGET: CHPP Grant application for 2019 reviewed and submitted on October 19th

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Kitchen Floor –
 - Flooring installation update. November 12-16 scheduled for installation.
- Painting –
 - Painting of first floor and staircase are completed! Looks very nice ☺

Eversole-Hall: nothing to report

Cold Brook School:

- Chimney repairs are scheduled-- hopefully to take place in November.

PAST PROGRAMS:

October -- Cold Brook School Open House
60 visitors! Wonderful weather.

October -- Partners in History 4th grade visit to Cold Brook School

Completed. The kids seemed to have a good time. Weather-related changes—the outside was so wet and mushy that recess was brought inside.

Margaret sent out a survey to the teachers. Only real suggestion is to make variations to correlate with curriculum updates. We will attempt to reach out to the Social Studies Supervisor and make adjustments for future programs.

October 20th- Barn Dance

64 attendees danced the night away on a beautiful and chilly night. Many new faces and families. 96 cookies vanished!

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Sunday, November 4th--Open House- Smokehouse Demonstration

The smokehouse is ready! Sheila, Mario, and Sarah will assist with posting of signs. Mario will arrive early to fire up the smoker so that it will be running beforehand. Sheila and Joyce will also be there to assist.

December 2- Dutch Christmas Open House

We will need to decorate before. Nancy, Joyce, Sheila, and Sarah (and Katherine) will be there to assist. Working to generate ideas for additional crafts. Sheila, Mario, and Sarah will assist with posting of signs. Need to find a little Christmas tree—preferably 5’ cedar.

OTHER:

Fire Marshall Review

The township Fire Marshall suggested that we have a few Fire Code violations. Mario and Margaret are pursuing different options.

Signs

We would like to invest in mini-sandwich board signs (like the open-house ones that realtors use) as an option for future years. Waiting on estimate for wire stakes to use additional signs we already have.

Musician

A local musician wants to know about doing something at the museum. For 2019, we should look into a variety of additional events that cater to more community participation.

Ash Trees

Several ash trees around the property are concerning with levels of health. We will continue to request advisement from the Township Committee for what should happen with the trees.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Substitute Secretary