

The Readington Museums
Museum Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 6, 2018

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. She announced that all the 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, Mario Orlandi and Rene Rao (via video chat) were in attendance. A quorum of committee members was established. Museum Director, Margaret Smith was in attendance. Betty Ann Fort, Township Liaison was not present. Committee members Helen Farrant, Joyce Lykes and Sarah John were absent.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of November 1, 2018 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Program Director's Report:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the report.

Budget: Funds were encumbered for the following items: 10 new "sandwich board" signs for \$850, 8-10 boys shirts for the school programs for \$400, electrical work for code compliance for \$400. Mario made a motion to approve, seconded by Nancy. The motion passed.

Properties:

Bowman Stickney Farmstead:

Flooring installation complete. The edge of the hearth will be fixed. Also, some quarter-round will be installed where the wall meets the floor.

Cabinets for the modern kitchen are still being considered.

Cold Brook School:

The chimney was repaired at a cost of \$3,600.

Past Programs:

The Dutch Christmas on December 2 was a huge success with over 150 visitors. A small Christmas tree was donated by a local tree farm. A load of firewood was donated by a neighbor.

The Smokehouse Demonstration on November 4 was attended by about 25 people.

Programs/Events Upcoming:

The calendar of events for 2019 has been set. The program for February is an Open House about salting.

Other Topics:

Fire Marshall Observations: Committee member Mario Orlandi has been in touch with the Fire Marshall to address the observations and violations. Some corrections have been made. The age of the Museum buildings is being discussed as it relates to being "grandfathered" for certain restrictions or codes. Mario drafted a procedure for emergency evacuation from the barn.

Scout Projects: The Museums have received inquiries about possible scout projects. The needs of the Museums and suggested projects require discussion by the Committee.

Meeting Dates and Meeting Locations For 2019: To be discussed and approved at the January meeting.

Adjournment: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:34pm, Nancy seconded the motion. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Paciullo, Committee Chair