

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2018

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:38 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, Sarah John, Mario Orlandi, Rene Rao, Joyce Lykes, Helen Farrant, Museum Director, Margaret Smith and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee member, Nancy O'Malley was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rene Rao moved to approve the revised minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
Joyce Lykes moved to approve the revised minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting. Rene Rao seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

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

Margaret is having an on-going and increasingly more persistent issue with the museum's laptop. Mini scrollbars continue to appear on the screen, like a bad case of chicken pox. But, she'll see if running a Norton scan will cure the affliction.

GRANT:

- As of now it looks like the grant will be approved, but for a lesser amount than last year.
- We have not received formal notification as of yet.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Kitchen Floor –
 - Margaret continued sorting and packing items in preparation for the new floor.
 - Mario will coordinate with vendors and get samples of wood-like/stone-like tiles from which to choose. He'll present them at the next meeting.
- Trees-
 - Margaret, Joyce and Rene walked the property doing a visual check for hazardous trees.
 - Scott Hultcher and Scott Jesseman told Margaret that they will not do any trees encroaching on wires.
 - After much discussion it was decided –
 1. The township will take down as many dead trees that they can.
 2. Margaret will get an estimate from Spanner on the remainder of the trees.
 3. We'll wait until the spring to trim the fruit trees.
 4. We'll contract with Spanner to address the magnolia, since they are a professional arborist service.

Eversole-Hall: nothing new

Cold Brook School: nothing new

PROGRAMS: nothing to report

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Sunday, February 4th – Open House – Period Clothing

- All is ready.

Sunday, March 4th – Open House – Chocolate Making

March – 4 Saturdays – Spinning Class

- Shari Gifford prepared by holding 2 sessions with committee members.
- Margaret advertised the class to be held on 4 consecutive Saturdays at a cost of \$130 total.

Sunday, April 8th – Open House – Textile Demo

OTHER:

Committee Officers:

- The officer positions will remain the same as last year –
 - Sheila Paciullo - Chair
 - Mario Orlandi – Vice-Chair
 - Nancy O’Malley – Treasurer
 - Helen Farrant – Secretary

Briteside Adult Center has asked if Margaret and volunteers could visit and provide an enrichment demo/program. Margaret will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT: Rene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mario seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary