

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 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, Rene Rao, Sarah John, Joyce Lykes, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liason, Betty Ann Fort and committee member, Helen Farrant were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sarah John moved to approve the revised minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

BUSINESS -

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed the report. Museum laptop computer is still not functioning as needed. At this point, at the advice of the township, it should be replaced.

- Mario made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 to replace the museum laptop. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

GRANT:

- Approved for \$4500. The county received about half of what they did last year; therefore, the amount to share is proportionately less. The process of paperwork and signing vouchers has begun.
- The committee reviewed recommendations from the CHPP grant reviewer, and discussed changes we could make going forward.
- The committee agreed that we should schedule a time 3-4 months before it is due to work on crafting next year's application.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Trees-
 - Discussed some tree removal and trimming work already completed by the township.
 - Reviewed revised proposal for tree work from Spanner. Discussed various trees in need of removal and/or treatment, as well as various aspects of the proposal that can wait for now. Joyce made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 to Spanner for work

on the magnolia tree and the ash near the old dogwood and antique mower assembly. Rene seconded. The motion passed.

- The committee discussed requesting Bob Becker return to review our ash trees to see if any of them can be treated for the ash borer.
- Margaret will contact JCP&L, as well as possibly our telephone/cable providers, to see if any of them can assist with tree remediation near the wires.
- Kitchen Floor –
 - Contractors need to come in person to show us flooring samples on sight. Mario will check to see if they can possibly come to a Saturday meeting so that we can see the samples in daylight. April 21st as a possibility.

Eversole-Hall: nothing to report

Cold Brook School:

- The committee reviewed the proposal for chimney mason work. The chimney is currently spalling, and needs to be re-mortared and repaired in order to prevent future leakage. Margaret will research the best means of funding the project, either via Bond or the Museum Trust, and the possible need for multiple bids before we can proceed. To be continued...

BUDGET:

- We received the final check for the remaining twenty-five percent of last year's grant.
- The committee reviewed the current budget and anticipated budget items for 2018. We discussed upcoming program costs, Rene found the small spice grater (saving us \$55!); the committee reviewed items on the list, and discussed prioritization for current issues.

PAST PROGRAMS:

Sunday, February 4th – Open House – Period Clothing

- The open house was well attended by a great group of 27. The committee also obtained some possible contacts for future programs. Collected donations in the amount of \$59

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Saturday, March 3rd—Cooking Class- arranged by presenter

- 10 registrants

Sunday, March 4th – Open House – Chocolate Making

- Signs out for advertising: Mario, Rene, Sheila

March – 4 Saturdays – Spinning Class

- Margaret advertised the class to be held on 4 consecutive Saturdays at a cost of \$130 total.
- Current status: none registered
- If none register by the start date, the class will need to be rescheduled, with various changes explored.

Sunday, April 8th – Open House – Textile Demo

- The talk will include influences of textile on historical issues both local and regional, as well as samples for viewing.

OTHER:

The committee is enthusiastic about a potential “tree identification” class offered at no cost by a local resident, which will require use of barn. Dates and options to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Substitute Secretary