

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 5, 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, and Joyce Lykes. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liason Betty Ann Fort, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and committee member Helen Farrant were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joyce Lykes moved to approve the revised minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting. Rene Rao seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**BUSINESS -**

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the report. New laptop is purchased and files are being transferred.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Trees-
  - Some tree-work done, magnolia pruned, waiting on ash trees
  - Discussion of ash tree treatment vs. removal: Invitation to the OSAB representative, Robert Becker, to come and offer additional advisement before further progress is made regarding tree remediation.
  - We need more clarification as to which trees have been worked on versus what work is remaining. There is a hold on all work for the present.
  
- Kitchen Floor –
  - Update on vendors to show flooring samples. Mario has been exploring various flooring companies. Having narrowed it down, it is recommended that we take a “field trip” to see the options in person at Hunterdon Ceramic Tile in Flemington. Tentatively moving our April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to an off-site meeting to investigate options. The debate will likely be between real stone and a visually similar porcelain option.

*Eversole-Hall:* nothing to report

*Cold Brook School:*

- Proposal for chimney mason work still pending

## **BUDGET:**

## **PAST PROGRAMS:**

*Saturday, March 3-* Open hearth cooking class- 10 attendees

*Sunday, March 4th – Open House – Colonial Chocolate Making.* About 50 visitors. Incredibly interesting, and was a wonderful hands on presentation that held a rapt audience's attention.

## **PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** upcoming

*Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>--*Open House- Textiles in Early America

Rene, Sheila, Mario will assist with posting of signs. Rene can be here to open, if needed. Sarah (and Matthew) will come to assist with closing.

*March-April - Spinning Class-* sessions held on 4 Saturdays- 2 participants

*May 6-* Open House- 18<sup>th</sup> c. Ice Cream Making

*May 19-* Saturday- Barn Dance

*April and May-* Partners in History School Program- Need volunteers for 4/12 (first grade), 4/25 (Rene), 4/30 (Rene), 5/16 (fifth grade: candles- Rene, maybe Joyce)

*Saturday, June 2-* Hunterdon County Community Day participation- Need volunteers

## **OTHER:**

Update on "Tree Identification" class offered at no cost by local resident, use of barn

- OSAB: the Open Space Advisory Board would like to begin a series of family talks and programs. This "Tree Identification" Lecture, if well received, could be the first in a series. Jay Kelly would be presenting the first lecture. The committee is excited for this addition!
- Discuss deer management program: Deer management is now a subcommittee for OSAB. Mario has joined the deer management subcommittee, so the museums properties have representation.

We received a selection of donated documents, pertaining to Pleasant Run School, by Mr. Jay Force. Mario Orlandi made a motion to accept them into our collection. Joyce seconded. The motion passed

A manuscript copy of *Life with Mother* including a Dorothy Stickney signature was donated by Nancy O'Malley. Sarah John motioned to accept it into our collection. Rene second. The motion passed.

There is a proposed 18<sup>th</sup> c. sewing class by Bev Altroth for several Saturdays (TBD). The program sounds quite interesting. We would like to know more.

A beautiful Holiday card was received from former committee member.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John  
Substitute Secretary