

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2018

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, Rene Rao, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Helen Farrant, Museum Director, Margaret Smith, County Historian, Stephanie Stevens and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee member, Joyce Lykes was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sheila Paciullo moved to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting, as amended. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**BUSINESS -**

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

- The Museums purchased a new laptop due to the extremely annoying and increasingly more persistent issues with the previous one.
- Bouman-Stickney tree pruning (contracted with Spanner) has been delayed due to uncooperative weather.

**BUDGET:**

- The purchase price of the new laptop was recorded as an item in the budget report.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Kitchen Floor –
  - Having selected a few possible tile options, it was decided that additional input was needed from someone with more knowledge as to whether we were on the correct path toward historical accuracy.
  - We are grateful for the insight and suggestions made by Stephanie Stevens and Betty Ann Fort regarding this subject. They indicated that in this type of structure a wood floor would be more authentic than tile, and suggested using wood-like tile planks for durability.
  - The Committee will now select a few wood-like tile options.
  - Cleanout of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be done during the month in preparation for removal of the existing floor. (expected in the beginning of June)
- The township will be replacing the utility poles along the driveway.

*Eversole-Hall:* nothing new

*Cold Brook School:* nothing new

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** past

*Sunday, April 8th – Open House – Textile Demo*

- With more than 40 people in attendance we had a packed house.
- Many commented on how good the speaker was.

*March/April – Spinning Class*

- 2 people attended and enjoyed the class very much.
- Future similar workshops will be considered.

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** upcoming

*Sunday, May 6th – Open House – 18<sup>th</sup> C. Ice Cream Making*

- All is ready.

*Saturday, May 19th – Barn Dance*

*May/June – Partners in History Program*

- Dates and rain dates are scheduled.
- Joyce and Nancy will be available to help if needed.

*Saturday, June 2nd – Hunterdon County Community Day*

**OTHER:**

*June 9th – Tree Identification Workshop*

- This is a museum sponsored activity and as such a donation is gladly accepted but not required. The PR will make that notation.

*Summer Intern -*

- Renee Stemcovski is back and is interested in the position this summer.
- Sarah made the motion to recommend Renee Stemcovski as the 2018 summer intern with an increase in pay to \$11. (After all, she was great last year and does not need training to get her up to speed.) Renee seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Margaret will speak with Vita.

Mary O'Malley has volunteered to help with costumes and other tasks, as needed.

Ronald Stickney (relative of Dorothy Stickney) has contacted the museum for a tour.

A girl scout has asked the museum if there is an opportunity for her to complete her Gold Award. Margaret will get back to her with some suggestions – possibly the garden or a video photo album.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant  
Secretary