

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 2018

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:39 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, 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.

Member of the public, and Girl Scout, Sophie Winter attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheila Paciullo moved to table the approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2018 meeting. The minutes will be reviewed at the July 12, 2018 meeting.

BUSINESS -

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

BUDGET: Discussion of the budget was tabled till the next meeting.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Kitchen Floor –
 - The old tile was removed and remediation was performed.
 - The floor was prep'd for new tile installation.
 - The committee reviewed the new tile options and agreed on a wood-like tile from the selections presented.
 - Betty Ann Fort very generously volunteered to donate a new stove and microwave. Thank you VERY MUCH!
 - Margaret will research the purchase of a new refrigerator.
- Sarah made a motion to spend up to \$500 for the purchase of a new water heater. Rene seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- There are dead ash trees close to a neighbor's property. Additionally, a branch from one of the trees has damaged the neighbor's fence. Margaret will follow-up with the township for a solution to the situation.

- Barn Rental –
 - There was a discussion about the township committee’s decision regarding the barn rental.
 - Based on that decision, the museum committee will prepare a revised policy document on the use of the property.

Eversole-Hall:

- The active bees in the tree behind the house will be left alone. (Don’t mess with mother nature.) But the tree will be treated for mites.

Cold Brook School: nothing new

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

Sunday, May 6th – Open House – 18th C. Ice Cream Making

- All who attended found the topic very interesting and enjoyed getting a taste of ice cream.
- The museum collected \$54 in donations.

Saturday, May 19th – Barn Dance

- Over 60 people danced their socks off.
- The museum collected \$256 in donations.

May/June – Partners in History Program

- The program finished as of June 6th.
- Margaret realizes that she will need additional volunteers going forward.

Saturday, June 2nd – Hunterdon County Community Day

- 60 people stopped at the museum booth.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

June 9th – Tree Identification Workshop

- All is ready to go.

June 29th Lecture – 18th C. Tea

- Card tables and tablecloths are needed.
- Committee members will help with making 18th C. cookies

July 20th Lecture – Witchcraft

- Which committee members can attend?

August 24th Lecture – Dutch Architecture

- Which committee members can attend?

OTHER:

Girls Scout Gold Award Candidate -

- Sophie Winter presented her intentions to create a photo display of the museum with ADA consideration.
- The museum discussed the project and requested that Sophie forward a written, detailed proposal of the scope and timeline of the project.
- A decision to proceed will be made once the committee has time to review the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary