

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 6, 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, Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Joyce Lykes, Mario Orlandi, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present. Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sheila made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2018 meeting, as amended. Mario seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS -**

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

**GRANT:** Margaret will forward the information she has completed on the 2019 CHPP grant application to the Committee for review and recommendations.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Kitchen Floor –
  - As agreed upon, the floor in the old kitchen area will be tiled with “Albero 6” and the new kitchen area will be tiled with “DLNP Cataulpa”. One vendor will do the installation for both areas.
  - For now, no additional floor treatment will be done in the storage room.
- Kitchen Painting -
  - Margaret received a quote for painting both the old and new kitchen areas from James Knowles. The Committee reviewed the quote and requested that a quote for painting the storage area be added.

*Eversole-Hall:* nothing new

*Cold Brook School:* nothing new

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** past

*August 24<sup>th</sup> – Lecture on Dutch Architecture*

- Well attended with 20 visitors.
- The museums collected \$95 in donations.
- The speaker, Mr. Pickell donated his time/effort to the event.

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** upcoming

*September 9<sup>th</sup> – Open Hearth Cooking*

- Deborah Peterson will present.
- All is ready.

*October 7<sup>th</sup> Open House – 19<sup>th</sup> C. Cold Brook School*

- Helpers are needed to get the schoolhouse ready for visitors.
- Margaret will send a survey to get a consensus from volunteers on which day is the best for cleaning.

*October 20<sup>th</sup>- Barn Dance*

*Partners in History – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to Cold Brook School*

- Helpers are needed for the program.

*November 11<sup>th</sup> – Smokehouse Demo*

**OTHER:**

*Girls Scout Gold Award Candidate – project review*

- Sophie Winter modified the proposed specs as requested by the Committee.

*Barn Rental Application -*

- The Committee reviewed a barn rental application received from Betty Ann Fort, the purpose of which is a venue for a “meet and greet” for political candidates.
- Sarah made the motion to approve the rental application. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Partners in History -*

- Whitehouse School and Three Bridges School requested a change in the dates for the program.
- Margaret will co-ordinate with the township to make sure that all calendars will be on the same page.

*Period Appropriate Clothing -*

- Margaret needs a new period appropriate “frock” for interpreting the Cold Brook School.
- Helen will co-ordinate with Margaret on the pattern and fabric selection. Then Helen will make the dress.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant  
Secretary