

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2020

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, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, Museum Director, Margaret Smith, and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were in attendance. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mario made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting, as amended. Rene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS –**

**GRANT –** Margaret completed and submitted the final 2019 report.

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

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- Electric Pole –
  - The pole for the parking lot is broken and needs to be replaced along with a new transformer. Unfortunately this requires coordination between the township, the electrician and JCPL.
  - There is an outside possibility of the work being completed by the end of January but no promises can be made at this time.
  - As a preventative measure the pipes have been drained and winterized.
  - Margaret has spoken with Susan Plaisted about rescheduling the February Open House.
  - Betty Ann will speak with Scott Jesseman about expediting the repairs.
- Porch Screens –
  - Margaret will put in a request to have them repaired.
- Sign on Dreahook Road –
  - The sign needs to be repaired.
  - Margaret will email Jim Horvath to see if he remembers who originally made the sign so she can contact them.

*Eversole-Hall:*

- Work needs to be done on the fence. This will wait until warmer weather.

*Cold Brook School:*

- Mario will look into possible grant funds that can go to help pay for needed repairs.
- Sarah will investigate what is needed to get the property listed under historic site status.

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** past

*Sunday, December 8th – Dutch Christmas*

- 100 people attended

- Most in attendance crowded around upstairs with few visitors to the cooking demonstration downstairs.
- The committee discussed moving the craft or refreshments downstairs next year, and deleting the cooking demo during that open house.

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** upcoming

*Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> C. Chocolate Making-*

- Due to the electrical problems at the Bouman-Stickney this open house may need to be rescheduled to either the following Sunday or the April open house.

**OTHER:**

*Committee Members Contact Information -*

- The committee members verified their contact information.
- Margaret will email that information to the township.

*Committee Officers -*

- Rene made a motion to retain the current officers for 2020. Joyce seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

*Committee Meeting Dates 2020 -*

- The committee reviewed the dates for the year.
- Mario made a motion to approve those dates. Sarah seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Margaret will submit the meeting dates for publication.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant  
Secretary