

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2020

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Museum Director, Margaret Smith, and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were in attendance. A member of the public was also present. Committee member Helen Farrant was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting, as amended. Mario seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

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

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Electric Pole –
 - Repaired!
- New Underground wiring
 - Trench dug, conduits installed, and trench filled.
- Porch Screens –
 - Margaret picked up the screens and molding for the job. A local volunteer will work with the shop class at Bridgewater HS to make the repairs.

Eversole-Hall:

- Mulch has been delivered.
- Fence is repaired and supported

Cold Brook School:

- The committee discussed gutters for the building, and more historically correct options. Margaret will seek estimates from a few different companies.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

Sunday, March 1st – Dressed to Kill-

- 50 visitors enjoyed the informative lectures, with one round at 1pm and a second round at 2:30. There was some concern with visitors attempting to smoke on the property, and the need for more obvious signage.

1st Grade Program

- The program is underway. Sheila is suggesting that the groups try to leave the school as early as they can so that they arrive at the scheduled time *they* requested, and they don't miss any part of the program.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Sunday, April 5th - 18th C. Chocolate Making-

- Rescheduled from the February program

Sunday, May 3rd- Butter/Cheese Making-

- Presenters are confirmed

OTHER:

CHPP Grant-

- We will be receiving \$4,395 this year. Margaret attended the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting to speak on behalf of the museums and explain how the funds will be used.

Artist Series at the Bouman -Stickney -

- Mario and Marlene Orlandi brought ideas to discuss for the spring/fall artist series. Topics included theater, music, two dimensional and three dimensional art. Discussed possible options for upcoming artists and viewed several pieces. The committee also discussed how this will help to highlight the Stickney portion of the Bouman Stickney property. Several dates throughout the spring and summer were picked as options, and now we will explore when the artists are available.

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary