

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2020

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the Webex meeting to order at 9:40 a.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, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, Museum Director, Margaret Smith were present and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort was present. Committee Member, Mario Orlandi was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present. Also present was Christina Albrecht, a public attendee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting, as amended. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

Budget -

- The committee discussed the budget and remaining balance.

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

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Nothing to report.

Eversole-Hall:

- Flag -
 - We continue to try to find a solution to the problem of the current flag blowing and then residing on the top of the roof.
 - Plus, we really need a new “old” flag.

Cold Brook School:

- Gutters -
 - The gutters look so great that you might not even realize that they are a new addition to the school building.
 - The committee was extremely pleased working with this contractor.
- Roof –
 - In addition to the twigs and debris on the roof, we now have quite the moss farm growing. While charmingly attractive, this is not enhancing the roof's life expectancy.
 - Margaret will see if Buildings and Grounds can help with the clean-up.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

Nothing to report

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

(With so many of the programs going virtual this year, the committee discussed tracking online and social media outreach statistics as support documentation for future grants and budgeting.)

Virtual Tours –

- Next up is a tour of the Bouman-Stickney Kitchen.

Artist Series -

- Unfortunately, the theater group opted out. This seems to be a common thread amongst all the artists.

September – Wildflowers

- The committee discussed this program as a guided, small group (20 max), appropriately masked, walk and talk presentation.
- Margaret will contact the presenter and advertise.

Barn Dance - cancelled

November - Rug Hookers – on hold

December – Sinter Klaus -

- We are considering as virtual slideshow of past December events.
- We'd like to include music. So, Margaret will contact the musicians and ask for permission.

OTHER:

Trex Challenge –

- Christina Albrecht presented and explained the Trex Challenge. The goal is to collect 500lb of specified plastic film for recycling. In exchange the museum will get a park bench.
- A collection bin is at the Whitehouse Station Library and Christina will continue to monitor it and transport the plastic to the drop off location.
- All the museum has to do is officially sign up. Margaret will do that.
- Sheila made a motion to approve the Trex Challenge for the museum. Rene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Betty Ann suggested we put a sign at the Hall House indicating that we are doing the challenge.

Postcard Donation -

- Margaret sent a “thank you” note for the recent postcards we received.
- Perhaps they can be used in a future exhibit.

Rental Application –

- The committee discussed the recent application we received to rent the Bouman-Stickney (grounds only) for a birthday party.
- Helen made a motion to approve the application. Joyce seconded the motion. The committee approved the application unanimously.

Museum committee meetings will continue meeting virtually for the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary