

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2024

Chairman Rene Rao called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Rene Rao, Sheila Paciullo, Sarah John, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico arrived at 7:52. Member Christina Spring was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present. A member of the public was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from March 7, 2024 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve as amended, and Joyce seconded. Nancy, Mario and Rene voted in favor. Sarah did not vote, as she was absent from the meeting.

BUSINESS –

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

BUDGET:

- **Trust:** The request for an update on the balance of the trust has yet to be completed.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- **Chimney:** the chimney was cleaned and inspected. No issues reported.
- **Accessibility Ramp:** Chris Semansky, Nancy, Rene, and Margaret met to discuss the ramp. Repairs will be made- a little bigger and longer.
- **Porch:** Sheila asked Vinny if there were any updates on the porch. Rich has to run the project of getting updated quotes for the porch repairs. Vinny said he will reach out to Rich about getting those quotes scheduled.
- **Driveway Trees:** Rene mentioned some concerning trees along the driveway edge. Mario said he will reach out to Rich to look into taking care of those trees before they cause damage.
- **Guest House:** Discussion about the future use of a potentially renovated guest house and conflicts that might arise with school programs.

Eversole-Hall:

- Clean up required prior to school programs

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing at this time

Taylor's Mill:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

- Parent Academy March 20: Due to lack of parental sign-ups for the museum portion of the program, we were canceled.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

Upcoming Programming and Events:

- April 7 - Lost Art Lacers- Volunteers Needed. Rene and Sheila can both attend
- April 28 - BSF Tour for the Upper Township Historical Society: Volunteers needed.
- May 5 - Enslows, Washington and his Spies
- May 11 - Barn Dance
- May 21 - Viking Visionary Day middle school volunteers will visit the EHH to help with the garden and other maintenance tasks

School Programming:

- First Grade: WHS March 18-22 Completed.

Upcoming:

- Fifth Grade: April 15-22 (rain 19, 22):
 - o Volunteer Sharon cut 180 frames for the tinsmith project.
- Third Grade: WHS April 23, 24, (rain 26, 29)
- First Grade: TBS May 10, 15, 24, 29
- Third Grade: TBS June 5, 10, (rain 11,12)

Discuss The Dorothy Stickney Art Series Program: nothing at this time

OTHER:

Township website:

- Sarah mentioned that the Museums Committee had been reverted to a singular “Museum” committee on the township website. Margaret will alert the webmaster to fix that error.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mario seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary