

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 07, 2021

Co-Chair Mario Orlandi called the Webex meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Committee Members Mario Orlandi, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith were present. Member of the public, Marlene Orlandi also attended the meeting. Chairman Sheila Paciullo and Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The committee reviewed and discussed the report. Of note – Due to extenuating COVID program cancellations there were unused grant funds remaining at the end of the year. Margaret will verify, but it looks like the remaining will be able to be applied to salary.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Parking/Access at rt 629 -
 - Hunters (while not actually hunting on the property) have been using the parking lot, leaving visible hunting remains on their vehicles.
 - This may be a fish and wildlife infraction and we want to prohibit this.
- House Roof and Other Issues-
 - The committee discussed roof issues and other property maintenance issues.
 - While the house is noted as a structure within a designated historic area, it may be beneficial to have itself listed.
 - Mario will research grants and the steps needed to get the house listed on the NJ Historic Register.
 - The committee will contact professional restoration expert, Michael Cuba to assess the house, prioritize repair issues and give us any other related recommendations.
 - Historic Mason, Neil Curry will come to re-point the parking lot stoop and back steps ... weather permitting and based on his availability.

Eversole-Hall:

- Nothing to report -

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing to report -

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

What's It Wednesday –

- Museum FaceBook likes have more than doubled since Margaret has been posting What's It Wednesday.
- We now have 982 Instagram followers.

Virtual Christmas –

- The program was a hit with 75 YouTube views and over 1300 FaceBook views.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: nothing upcoming

OTHER:

Meeting Dates for 2021 -

- Meetings will remain remote for 2021.
- Rene made a motion to approve the dates for 2021. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Organization -

The committee approved the follow positions -

- Chair – Sheila Paciullo
- Co-Chair – Rene Rao
- Secretary – Sarah John
- Co-Secretary – Helen Farrant
- Treasurer – Nancy O'Malley

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary