



Friends of Dennis Township Old School House Museum

June 2017 Minutes

Chairman DiCicco opened the meeting. Voting officers present were DiCicco, Mr. Rebmann, Mr. Gooch, and Mr. Laughlin. Also attending was member Mr. Champion.

Absent were Ms. Matthews and Ms. O'Grady.

May minutes were approved.

Mr. Gooch submitted the Friends financial report. Copies with itemized figures will be emailed to DiCicco and Rebmann. Paid membership stands at thirteen. Balance at Sturdy Savings account stands at \$2680.17. This includes two membership applications and a \$25 GoFundMe Donation.

Financial report was accepted and approved by officers present.

Mr. Rebmann advised that he is revising his initial draft of the by-laws to include suggestions presented by Mr. Monzo, Esq. who attended the May meeting in an advisory capacity. Specifically, he is including separate lists of officers for the corporation (three) and the organization (five). Other areas being modified include officer terms. Mr. DiCicco suggested a longer term for the Treasurer since that position requires awareness of the Friends' finances and involves check signing and other documentation.

The board also discussed the lease option raised by Mr. Monzo. Mr. Laughlin noted, and all agreed that the option wasn't suitable for the Friends at this time. Mr. Gooch suggested that with the township owning the building, it is responsible for maintenance (grass cutting) as well as utilities (electric, propane).

Mr. Rebmann briefly updated on the Friends' logo work in progress, indicating that he has been communicating with his daughter Alena a professional artist and web designer who has expressed a willingness to help design a logo.

The new business cards with a simple design card that does not list specific officer names, have arrived and were distributed to those in attendance. The cards cost \$20 for 100 and were donated by Mr. Rebmann.

Cards will have a blank line for appropriate card issuer to sign, along with the Friends website and email addresses.

Mr. Gooch discussed getting a gate for the museum handicapped ramp. The need for the gate is to keep bike riders off the ramp and damaging the deck area as well as risking injury liability. It was agreed

that the Friends should not purchase a gate but the township should be approached concerning the need for one.

Mr. Rebmann will ask committee liaison to broach the subject at the next committee meeting.

A meeting is being arranged with concerned Dennisville residents and the NJ State Police contact at the local school to discuss vandalism issues in Dennisville. Mr. Rebmann, as curator of the museum, asked to be informed about the time/date of this meeting.

Mr. Gooch also noted that neighbors had complained about trash on the museum property not being picked up. Mr. Rebmann will email Committee members Tozer and Salimbene about the matter.

Museum activities for the month include ongoing inventory, a change in exhibits with additional shipbuilding exhibit in the front display case. Events at the museum include a visit from Dennis Elementary students and teachers (total of 65 visitors). And the museum was utilized for a recording session featuring a local musician (personal recording).

The board discussed a fundraising event and would like to hold it at the Slack Tide Microbrewery in Clermont. Members talked about ticket prices (\$10 donation), promotion (campgrounds, and local media). A subcommittee of Mr. DiCicco and Mr. Rebmann will contact Slack Tide to discuss the possibilities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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