



Friends of Dennis Township Old School House Museum

July 2017 Minutes

Chairman DiCicco opened the meeting with flag salute. Mr. Rebmann took roll. Voting officers present were DiCicco, Ms. Matthews, Ms. O'Grady, Mr. Rebmann, Mr. Gooch, and Mr. Laughlin.

Ms. Matthews motioned to approve June minutes with corrections for typographical errors. Motion approved.

Mr. Gooch submitted the Friends financial report. No new memberships. Balance at Sturdy Savings account stands at \$2864.09. This includes a \$200 GoFundMe Donation. There were no disbursements.

Financial report was accepted and approved by officers present.

Mr. Gooch noted that the Friends post office box in Dennisville cannot be a free service because that location offers mail delivery. Only free box service for non-profits if no delivery option available. Mr. Gooch recommended securing a yearly box (cheaper) once the current rental expires. All voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Rebmann advised that he is finished his initial draft of the by-laws. He had earlier emailed copies to members. Ms. Matthews asked if the by-laws had been submitted to township committee for approval.

Mr. DiCicco noted that since the Friends are a non-profit corporation, such approval isn't necessary. However, the board agreed that a copy be sent to committee once finally approved. Mr. Rebmann added that he notifies the committee of meetings/agendas and any activities at the museum since the township owns the building and the organization wants to maintain open contact.

Ms. Matthews suggested including the web site in the by-laws (under article 4, section 2). Mr. Rebmann will make that addition and forward the finished draft to Chairman DiCicco who will review it with a solicitor (Tony Monzo) who has volunteered to help with this task.

Attendees proceeded to discuss fund raising possibilities, specifically, an event for Slack Tide, a microbrewery located in Clermont. Ms. Matthews recommended a weekend event. Mr. Gooch suggested that it should occur before area campgrounds close (late September/early October).

Members had questions about costs, promotion, and food/entertainment.

Mr. Rebmann and Mr. DiCicco will contact Slack Tide later in the month to learn more.

Ms. Matthews also mentioned the brewery at Cold Spring Village as a potential venue since that facility is already involved with local history through its involvement with the village. Mr. Rebmann will check into that possibility.

Other event possibilities discussed include a "Night at the Museum" organized in conjunction with the local PTA.

Signage promoting the organization was also discussed during the open session as was the need to establish contacts with Social Studies teachers at local schools (Dennis Township, Bishop McHugh, Cape May Tech HS and Middle Township High School). Mr. Rebmann is working on display signs. He will also develop a list of relevant school staff to facilitate future interactions with local schools.

There was also discussion about meeting with Mayor Mattalucci about getting township help to pay for repairs and painting work for the museum. Mr. DiCicco noted that the museum has a committee liaison and contacts should go through her. Mr. Rebmann added that, as museum curator, he'd be happy to meet with the mayor but the Friends organization is under no obligation to do so.

Mr. Rebmann added that he keeps the mayor informed (meeting dates, agendas) and the minutes are a matter of public record. The mayor has a standing invitation to attend meetings as well.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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