

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Eleanor Armes, Rod Cury, Sandra Culler, Donna Altizer, Gaynelle Thompson, Zadin Lawson, Brad Lawson

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:00pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the 9/20 meeting were approved.

III. Financial report—Rod submitted a bank statement showing a current balance of \$4179.41. The Board has also received a donation of \$200 from Will and April Morefield, as well as \$13 cash in the donation jar. Gaynelle has agreed to prepare a note of thanks for the Morefields.

IV. Halloween event discussion

Plans were made for the “Halloween Spooktacular”, to be held Oct. 29, 6-8pm.

Lynna distributed a flyer for feedback. Bingo games will be combined with a costume contest to start around 7pm with three prizes.

Board members will provide candy for trick-or-treating and prizes. Rod will tell scary stories. Lynna will submit details to Jim Talbert for *News-Press* announcement.

V. Heritage brick campaign

Rod reported that approx. 125 pavers remain. The cost for printing with Vance Graphics is \$15.00/ea; according to George West, the installation cost will be \$30 per brick.

The Board decided to postpone the brick campaign because our costs are prohibitive.

VI. Jefferson program

Rod reported that John Ragosta and Bill Barker will not be able to schedule a Thomas Jefferson program in December because of schedule conflicts. He plans to reschedule them for spring 2023, probably sometime in March. Dr. Brian Wright from SWCC has committed the college to covering travel costs, but the Board will be responsible for an honorarium (probably \$300-\$500/ea.). Rod will attempt to solicit private donations to cover this. Mary suggested that the program might be held in conjunction with SWCC’s Festival of the Arts since its theme is “Visionaries.”

VII. Photography contest

The Board agreed that since this event is also planned for spring 2023, we should hold off on setting a date until a date is determined for the Jefferson program—the two events could possibly be combined.

VIII. Christmas activities

The Board agreed to schedule a Christmas open house for Saturday, Dec. 3, 2-4pm. Board members will bring cookies and other refreshments; visitors will be encouraged to bring ornaments for the tree. Rod announced that he has arranged sponsors to fund the outside trees; George West's town crew will install them; Brad and Zadin offered lights for them if needed.

IX. Barter trip

The Board plans a trip to Barter Theater for Saturday, Nov. 5 to see "Murder on the Orient Express". Lynna announced that tickets are \$52 or \$59/ea. Sandra agreed to reserve tickets for those who wish to go. Arrangements will be coordinated by group text.

X. Section House brochures/marketing photos

Lynna reported that these are still in process.

XI. 501 (c) (3) designation

Lynna advised that Board members continue thinking about the pros and cons of this undertaking; the Board agreed to table this idea until January 2023.

XII. Section House painting

No update at present.

XIII. Events on hold

The quilting exhibit/demo is still under consideration, as is the group train excursion. Rod reported that the art display is no longer under consideration.

XIV. Other business

--Rod suggested we regroup wall photos by theme—trains, domestic, historical, etc.

Board approved; Rod requested volunteers to help

--Donna is looking into more details about a group train excursion; she has also been named president of the SWVA Garden Clubs.

--Tazewell County Public Library donated a black ceramic tea pot to the Section House in appreciation for using the house for meetings.

Next meeting--Tuesday, November 15 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment--6:10pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
October 21, 2022