

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022

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

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:00pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the 10/18/22 meeting were approved.

III. Christmas decorating and open house

Lynna showed her promo graphic for our Christmas open house, which will take place on Saturday, 12/3 from 2 to 4pm; Lynna and Greg will put up the indoor tree before 12/1; everyone will participate in decorating it, and visitors will be invited to bring ornaments. Gaynelle will make cider while Rod, Lynna and Eleanor will bring cookies. Greg will provide a playlist of holiday music.

Rod reported that he has arranged for three natural trees to be brought for outside. These are being paid for by private donations. Lynna asked that everyone be at the house by 1:00pm on 12/3.

IV. Winter Honey Festival and related activities

Greg proposed that we approach the beekeepers' group about having a program through which we feature local varieties of honey for the Feb. 2023 Honey Festival. Donna suggested the Garden Club could also participate. The board decided to think more about the plan for our Honey Festival activity and discuss it again at the next meeting.

Rod reported that John Willis plans to host a poetry reading at the house on 2/28/23 at 7pm.

V. Jefferson scholars

The date for the Jefferson scholars' visit will be 3/28-29/2023. The Section House will host them on 3/28 for a program. SWCC will pay travel expenses, but we need to continue thinking about ways to fund their honorarium. Mary and Rod suggested approaching Jeff Hurst and Peter Mulkey about sponsoring. Mary added that the college will promote the visit by adding to their Festival for the Arts event schedule.

VI. Section House painting

Rod received the names and contact info. for three painters from Travis Hackworth; Lynna pointed out that we will probably have to draw up an RFP, have the town bid out the project and select a vendor; Rod will research this.

VII. Photography contest

Due to other upcoming activities, the board decided to table this project for now.

VIII. 501 (c) (3) designation

Donna suggested we could declare ourselves “stewards” of the house, allowing more flexibility than we would have as a 501 (c) (3). The board will consider this further.

IX. Other business

Eleanor asked if it would be all right to continue board membership in the Tazewell County Historical Society. She offered to pay the membership dues; the board accepted.

Mary proposed a trip to the Princeton WV railroad museum to visit and inquire about how the museum funds employees; the board agreed to visit the museum Sun. 12/4.

As a fund raiser, Lynna proposed selling wooden replicas of the house like Downtown Richlands, Inc. did some years ago. The board will consider the idea.

Next meeting--Thursday, December 8 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment--6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
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