

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

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

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:05pm.

II. Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the 3/16/23 meeting.

IV. Financial report

Rod reported that our balance with the town, as of the end of March, was \$6,803.58. Our expenses for the Jefferson Scholars have been paid.

III. Jefferson Scholars program re-cap

Lynna commended all of the members on our hard work with both Jefferson Scholars' programs. We all agreed that both were a tremendous success; we had approximately 50 attendees for the dinner and 100 at Southwest.

IV. Ideas for refreshing the house

Lynna suggested that our next project should be working on ways to refresh the look of the house. The following ideas were among those discussed:

1. An oversized blow-up of the iconic 1880's-era house picture to be displayed prominently in the front room;
2. A plexiglass covered display relating to the railroad wye;
3. Arranging the framed pictures in ways that better "tell the story" of the house;
4. A brochure visitors could have to take home after visiting;
5. Display more pictures that feature the railroad and/or families that have occupied the house, or perhaps feature more about women and the railroad;
6. New placards that better tell the story of the house and provide info about our displays;
7. A group picture of the current Section House Board;
8. A luncheon/lecture series on railroads, music, food, and/or dancing;
9. Contacting donors of borrowed items that are not displayed to see if they would like them to be returned.

V. Action plan

The following responses were planned in response to our ideas:

1. Rod will contact Vance Graphics about the blow-up picture.
2. Zadin will contact Gaynelle about the owners of borrowed display items; he will ask them if they would like any of their items returned so we can free up some additional space in the house.
3. Lynna will prepare storyboards for our pictures/displays.

VI. Summer event

Lynna suggested we plan one small summer event and invited everyone to think about it for the next meeting.

VII. Other business

Rod informed everyone that the RHS prom will be held April 29; students may come by the house for pictures.

Next meeting--Thursday, May 18 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment--6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
April 25, 2023