

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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 5:10pm.

II. Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the 4/23/23 meeting.

III. Updates on house refresh

- Rod announced that he and Brad have worked with Ryan from Vance Graphics to get a design and cost for a new blown-up photo display of the “iconic” Section House photo for the front room. The display will be a 72 x 48 blow-up of the photo with an accompanying plaque. The cost will be \$925 installed. By unanimous vote, the Board approved the purchase and installation.
- Lynna shared that we have about \$6800 in our account and offered to work on putting together some text for the plaque.
- Donna suggested that some railroad artifacts could be placed in the front room; she has also been working with the Roanoke Historical Society to locate some early railroad themed photos from Richlands that we could possibly display.
- Zadin reported that he had called Gaynelle to talk about contacting donors to see if they would like to have any of their donations returned. She did not think this was a good idea, as it may make donors feel forced into a decision. This idea was tabled.
- Lynna offered to work on some new display cards for various items around the house.

IV. Freedom Festival

- Rod shared that the Freedom Festival will be held June 24; the town events committee requested that we participate. Lynna showed a mock-up of a flyer we could use to promote the house as a venue for watching the fireworks display. The Board agreed to plan such an event; the details will be worked out at our next meeting.
- Sandra offered to donate a vintage glider and set of outdoor chairs that we could possibly use on the front porch. The Board will work on having them painted and moved to the house.

V. Hanging baskets and window boxes

--Rod has arranged with Kim's Floral to have new flowers placed in our window boxes; also, our new hanging baskets have been delivered and hung. Rod will get a bill from Kim this Saturday. He also asked anyone who might want the pansies that are currently in the boxes to get them before Saturday.

VI. Don't Stop Believing race

--The Don't Stop Believing road race, a fundraiser for St. Jude's, will start and finish at the Section House on the morning of July 29.

VII. Painting with the Artist/exhibit

--Lynna announced that she is in the process of making arrangements with graphic artist Courtney for a "Painting with the Artist" activity and exhibit to be held at the house August 5.

VIII. Other business

--Rod announced that he has been promoting the house as a picture-taking venue for the RMS 8th grade dance, which will take place this Friday night.

--Sandra shared that she had made a donation to the Section House account on behalf of her Mary Kay group.

--Lynna suggested that we think about reviving the Richlands walking tours.

Next meeting--Thursday, June 15 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment--6:10pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
May 19, 2023