

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024

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

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:00pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the 9/12/24 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Financial report

Greg shared that we received a donation from Corleen Patterson. Our current balance with the town is \$6,393.60.

IV. Battle of the Bands recap

Lynna remarked that the chili samples and marshmallow roasting event during the town-sponsored Battle of the Bands on Saturday, 9/21 was a huge success. About 150 chili samples were distributed. She thanked Tracy from the town for managing the fire pit.

V. Historic Ghost Walking tour

Lynna announced that the Section House will participate in the town's Historic Ghost Walking tour on Saturday, 10/19 from 6:45 until 8:00pm. Two tours will be conducted with approximately 10 participants each. The tour will begin with a story at the Section House, then one at the CART building, and others at various locations in the vicinity. Each tour will last approximately 30 minutes.

Lynna and Greg presented the story and song we will use for our portion of the tour.

VI. Veterans Day Story Corps

Lynna announced that we still plan to conduct Story Corps recordings at the house on Veterans Day, Saturday 11/9 as part of the town's activities. Rod will direct this activity.

VII. Christmas activities

Rod reported that the 18ft. Christmas tree is still coming; however, the vendor for the smaller trees is no longer available, so he is working to get them from Earl Keen. Donna will secure the greenery for the wreaths and window boxes.

The house should be decorated by 11/30, in time for the town's scheduled Small Business Saturday and tree lighting event, in which we will participate.

VIII. Other business

The board discussed purchasing another folding table for the house and agreed to explore options and pricing.

Lynna announced plans to have an Open House activity on Friday, 12/6 to coincide with the town's Christmas parade. The board discussed ideas like having hot chocolate and providing ornament making stations. Visitors could have the option to take ornaments home or place them on the house Christmas tree. The activity could be called "Ornaments on Parade."

Rod reminded everyone that plans are underway for the Jefferson Scholars event, which will take place on Monday, 3/17/25. The program, tentatively titled "Looking Forward, Looking Back" will present Bill Barker as the older Jefferson and Kurt Smith as the younger Jefferson.

Next meeting date—Thursday, 11/14, at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment—6:05pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
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