

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024

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

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:05pm.

II. Minutes

The board unanimously approved the 1/29/24 minutes.

III. Financial report

Rod reported that after the recent forensic audit of town finances, he was questioned by a citizen as to why the Section House had approximately \$9000 in its account.

Rod told the citizen that this number was outdated and that, after paying out some major expenses—particularly those related to the Jefferson Scholar event last March, the Section House balance was actually just over \$6000.

IV. Beeswax Candlemaking report

Lynna reported, and the board concurred, that our candlemaking demo with Emerson Kirby on 2/3 was a great success. We initially only expected about 20-25 attendees, but 41 people actually attended. The wax sheets for the hands-on activity were a big hit; many of the attendees went home with wax candles as souvenirs of the event.

V. Window boxes

Rod has contacted Kim Santola about preparing pansies for our window boxes for spring. The board approved the expense, which should be \$60.00. Rod will pick up the pansies when they are ready.

VI. Section House painting

Rod reported that he has confirmed with town police chief Ron Holt that the PD still plans to paint the house this spring as a community project. Chief Holt requests that a member of the board be present throughout the painting for questions and guidance. Rod also suggested that we invite Chief Holt and town manager Jason May to our next meeting for further discussion.

VII. Spring garden party

The board discussed the possibility of a spring garden party as a new event. Everyone agreed to proceed, setting 4/20 or 4/27 as possible dates.

Mary proposed that it could be a hat/tea party, while titles like “The Splendor of Spring—Flowers in Bloom” were suggested. Rod offered to arrange a performance from the RMS choir, which should attract more community attendance.

VIII. Other business

Eleanor proposed that we tie a summer event to the US’s “semiquincentennial,” or 250-year anniversary. We could possibly tie in an event with Richlands’ Freedom Fest in June. Lynna and Donna suggested stories and/or a play about our area during the American Revolution. More research will be done, and we will further discuss an event at our next meeting.

Sandra is still offering her glider, chairs, and table for Section House use. She has also offered to look into having them sandblasted and painted.

Next meeting date—Thursday, 3/14/24 at 5pm at the house

Adjournment—6:05pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
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