

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

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

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:08pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the 3/27/25 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Financial report

--The board estimated that we will have approximately \$6,000 in our town account after our outstanding Jefferson event invoices have been paid.

IV. Matthew Monk program planning

--Lynna reported that museum curator Matthew Monk has agreed to present a program, possibly on the Goodwin Mills, on Monday, June 23. Rod will be in contact with Matthew to finalize the details. The program will begin with drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres on the patio at 6:00pm, followed by the program at 7:00. The board agreed to limit the tickets sold to 40 at a cost of \$25 each.

--Lynna presented a list of items to address for the presentation including banquet license, tent, flowers, plastic wine glasses (which she will provide), a 1-page program, Matthew's honorarium. Donna proposed a children's coloring contest to coincide with the event. Rod offered to provide stuffed grape leaves, and Eleanor offered to provide stuffed mushrooms.

V. Tables and tablecloths

--Lynna suggested that the board needs to purchase folding tables for the house. The board agreed unanimously to purchase six from Walmart through the town so that we can get them tax exempt. Sandra offered to pay for two of the tables as a donation. Rod offered to order new tablecloths; our original set has gone missing.

VI. Hanging baskets and flower boxes

--Rod reported that he has ordered new flower boxes for the house, containing mixes of red and pink begonias, from Kim's Greenhouse. Joey will water them. Rod is also having Kim to sprout zinnias for the back patio area.

VI. Mt. Vernon event

--Rod reported that he has arranged for Amanda Isaac from Mt. Vernon to speak at the house on Monday, September 29. Her program will most likely focus on the ways George Washington defined the presidency. Peter Mulkey from CVMC was instrumental in lining up contacts for this event. The board plans for the program to include a dinner much like the one we had for the Jefferson event. The board will continue to plan and solicit sponsors.

VII. Other business

--Eleanor suggested the board send a thank you note to the Richlands Garden Club for the flowers they provided for the Jefferson event; Gaynelle agreed to do so.

--Sandra requested the Richlands Woman's Club be allowed to have a yard sale Fundraiser on the patio; the board agreed to allow it.

--Donna suggested a railroad-themed collage display for the upcoming programs.

--Rod suggested for us to be a part of a Bridge Walk event once the Front Street bridge repairs are completed. He also presented the VDOT plaque rescued from the bridge and suggested we display it in the house in a museum-quality box.

Next meeting date—Thursday, May 15 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment—6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
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