

Reliving History, Inc. (RHI) Board of Directors Meeting



Minutes

Date: July 8, 2009

Location: Peter Burr House

Board Members Present: Joyce Cole, Kristen Marino, Deborah Rochefort, Bill Theriault

Board Members Absent: John Cowan, Betty Lowe, Nelson Parkinson

Others Present:

Proceedings:

J. Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Discussion of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Cole is working with Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation to establish a legacy fund.

Committee Reports:

1. Organization:

- Board officers were selected: Joyce Cole, Chair; Bill Theriault, Vice Chair; Kristen Marino, Secretary; Faye Stubblefield, Treasurer
- J. Cole reported that follow-up work is being done for the paperwork submitted to establish trade name and for non-profit registration.
- Mailing address has been established: RHI, P.O. Box 803, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

2. Archaeology: K. Marino reported that Board members and volunteers cleaned artifacts on June 13. The next artifact cleaning is July 11.

3. American Chestnut Tree Project: J. Cole reported that we are waiting for the soil samples to be returned.

4. Fundraising: Nothing new to report.

5. Library: J. Cole would like to acquire books and materials to establish an RHI research library.

6. Costume/Interpretation: D. Rochefort would like to have an adult workshop on appropriate clothing for the Colonial timeframe. B. Theriault suggested having written guidelines for interpreters, and also suggested hosting a workshop for children to dress bears/dolls in 18th century clothing.

7. Outreach:

- B. Theriault suggested hosting a day-long class at the Peter Burr House for four to six people featuring Colonial baking and activities. On-site babysitters could be used to teach Colonial games and activities to children so childcare wouldn't be an issue for participants. Theriault

further suggested teaching breadbaking to interpreters to be used in the Wheat to Bread Program.

- Pumpkin Race: J. Cole reported that she has been talking to local people and groups to determine the effort needed to make the event a reality.
- Venturing Crew: J. Cole continues to work with them.
- Farmer's Market: We need people in Colonial costumes to staff a table and need to identify what to sell. B. Theriault suggested selling pretzels, which he has baked with success at the Peter Burr House in the past. At the Maryland Renaissance Faire, vendors walk around and sell pretzels off a long pole, which we could attempt.

8. Website & Communication: Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

J. Cole would like to locate the graves of Peter Burr and his wives. She has spoken with people at Beallair who said their property could be surveyed to see if the graves are there.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.