

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 03/21/2017**

The THM board met on 03/06/17.

1. **Treasurer's Report** - Per changes in the City's accounting system going forward, all museum income will appear as one line item on the P&L. Museum Treasurer, Beverly Cortiana-McEuen, will keep detailed income records for the museum.
2. **Old Church and School Buildings** - Beverly and Heather met with John Rocha, representative for the planned Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA), to prepare for the parish council meeting on February 28. Mr. Rocha is interested in using the old school or the current parish education facilities for OCA. The parish council members approved OCA's use of the current parish education facilities but not the old school as there would not be funds available on either side for renovations. Mr. Rocha will look into grants and other means of funding the renovations in hopes that the school could be used in the future.

At the meeting, Beverly informed the parish council that the Museum would not be able to proceed with any plans for the old school building. There can be no city funds directed toward a building that is owned by the church. The Museum can, however, campaign to save the old school and work with Mr. Rocha on that front. The Museum still has 6 months to help develop a plan or ideas for the building.

The parish council approved the demolition of the old church and it will be torn down within 60 days.

3. **Museum Sign** - There is an issue with rivets coming out that help hold the letters on the marquee. The sign company came to put the toppers on and took the marquee back to their shop for repairs. We have not yet paid the final bill but will as soon as repairs are complete so we can complete and submit the finalized grant paperwork.
4. **Farm Implement Display Options** - The Museum is in need of a place to store/display farm tools currently at the home of Henry and Charlotte Piazza. Rachel is in the process of photographing and documenting the farm equipment onto our donation forms. Given our proximity to Hwy 412, a new display or structure will need to look good from the highway. The property lines are still a bit of a mystery and we need a building plan before starting or planning anything new. Until then, storage is needed.
5. **May Event** - The annual May event in conjunction with Arkansas Heritage Month is set for Sunday, May 21st., from 1-4pm. This year's theme for Arkansas Heritage Month is, "A State of War: Arkansas Remembers World War I."
6. **Facilities** - Mouse droppings have been spotted near the modem and in the bathroom. Rachel got sticky traps from the City and pest control treated with poison. This could be smelly down the road. Electronic traps seem to be a good alternative -- easy to contain and dispose of the dead critter.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3.

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