

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report  
for COW Meeting - 11/15/16**

The THM board met on 11/7/16.

1. **15th Annual Polenta Smear** - The 15th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-fashioned Polenta Smear was held on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Parish Hall. While attendance was down versus last year, 100 patrons enjoyed some of the best polenta and umedo we've ever served! A huge thank you to Kathy Miller for being head chef and directing the kitchen activity. A special thank you to Richard Ptak for setting up all the tables and chairs so we could easily decorate. And another big thank you to Misty Piazza and the CY kids for serving food and helping with the clean up. It has turned into an easy event to host because of all the help we receive from these special folks and many others. There will be a full financial accounting of the event, including Amici membership renewals, at the next board meeting.
2. **Dr. Edward Stibili** - We learned that Dr. Stibili's book about Father Bandini has gone to the publisher. There is one chapter dedicated to Father Bandini's time in Tontitown, and Dr. Stibili requested photographs from the Museum collection to include in his book. We provided 19 digital photographs for his review and he has selected 6 for the book. Dr. Stibili will complete the THM Application for Permission to Publish form, and the Board will negotiate payment terms with him. The book is expected to be released in early 2017. Dr. Stibili plans to include a trip to Tontitown with his book release tour and we hope to host a lecture/book signing for him.
3. **Schedule** - The Museum holiday schedule has been set. The Museum will be closed Nov. 25, Dec. 23, 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. Normal Fri, Sat, Sun hours from 1-4 pm for all other weeks. The monthly January THM board meeting will be on January 9 instead of January 2.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5.

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