

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 07/19/16**

The THM board met on 07/11/16 for the July meeting.

1. **Membership Update** - 41 membership renewals have been received since the Spring newsletter and renewal-reminder mailing in May. Most of our membership renews in November in conjunction with the Polenta Smear. It is encouraging to have many renewals related to our mailing efforts. Many of these patrons are from out-of-town.

2. **Museum Sign** - The new sign will cost \$4,862.54 and we have issued a check request for the 50% deposit that is due. The Museum grant totaled \$4,500 and the balance of the amount due can be paid out of budgeted fixed asset dollars or Sunny's memorial funds. We would like to save memorial dollars for the actual memorial and use the budgeted money that is available.

3. **Sunny's Memorial** - The idea is to put a granite block-type memorial at the base of the new sign. Riley will talk to Dana Lyons about potential designs/costs of a memorial. \$1,685.00 is the current memorial total.

4. **30th Anniversary Celebration on 9/10/16** - To date there are 2 sponsors for the anniversary event in September. Board members are actively seeking additional sponsors and the deadline for securing sponsors is 7/31/16.

The event committee is working on selecting a caterer for the event. The Venesian Inn has been contacted and Mama Z's will be contacted this week for a cost estimate/quote.

Tickets for the event cost \$25 per person and can be purchased at Tontitown Administrative Offices, the Tontitown Winery, the Museum or by phone. Tickets will go on sale in early August once all the sponsors are known.

5. **Facilities** - Data loggers are now installed. Velcro is needed on the data loggers so they can easily be removed to attach to the computer and download data. This will be taken care of by board members.

James Clark agreed to handle our two maintenance requests: power washing the building and painting the front and back doors. James said that they may use prisoners for the work, but they would be watched the entire time by a police officer.

The next Museum board meeting will be August 1.

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