

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report  
for COW Meeting - 2/20/2018**

The THM Board met on February 5, 2018.

1. **THM Weekend Employee** -- The Board finalized the job description for a Sunday Museum Assistant employee, and will post it on Indeed, Handshake, and the City website around March 20.
2. **Oral History Video Project** -- Scott Davis, videographer and Rogers High School teacher, attended our March Board meeting to discuss creating video oral histories of Tontitown elders. He has developed Cane Hill, Prairie Grove, and Farmington oral histories which are available on YouTube channels. Scott shared samples of his work and talked about his project plan for Tontitown. He will make a short presentation to the City Council during the March 20 COW meeting, and hopes to work on the project during the 2018 summer months. The Museum Board will seek input from the City Council to sign a contract, select interviewees, and develop overall goals. The Board discussed rolling out the videos during the Polenta Smear this fall.
3. **Collections** -- Two artifacts from the Old Church were added to the museum last week. Jim and Kathy Pianalto Miller hung the hand-stenciled ceiling beam in The Immigrant Room. Joseph Pianalto also brought a salvaged section of the Confessional, which he trimmed, cleaned, and polished. We are very grateful for both of these priceless pieces.
4. **Tontitown Heritage Day (May Event)** -- Our Tontitown Heritage Day celebration will be May 20 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Harry Sbanotto Park, with live music, hot dogs and cookies, and fun activities. We will have two arts and crafts areas: one for children (grape slime) and one for adults (grapevine wreath making). We also plan to have bocce demos and give those who do not know how to play a chance to "Learn to play" and then "Challenge a pro." Be sure to mark your calendars and enjoy this afternoon of fun and friendship!

The next THM Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown Winery.

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