

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 10/17/2017**

The THM Board met on October 2, 2017.

1. **Polenta Smear** - The **16th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear** has a new time -- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29. We decided to start earlier this year so that people who have later afternoon commitments might be able to attend the Polenta Smear.

The special exhibits on display at the Parish Hall during the event will be:

- Hand-carved crucifix by Giovanni Batista Cigainero, loaned by John Pianalto
- A Full Life: George & Clara Barenberg Pianalto, family donations
- Tontitown School: A glimpse of the past gives a vision for the future — classroom posters and visitor suggestions from the 119th Grape Festival exhibit

We hope to see everyone there!

2. **Budget Request for Weekend Staff** - After we extended open hours to all year, we have found it more and more difficult to cover weekends with volunteer help only. We are asking for paid staff to assist with weekend coverage, as well as provide help with museum projects. General qualifications for this position will include a history/museum studies background/interest so that this person will be able to help progress our collection and assist in expansion options.

The next Museum Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6.

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