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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

The THM Board of Directors met March 3, 2025 at City Hall.

- 1. History Day:** Staff were present at History Day on March 8th, Juli hosted a booth with our new Discovery Box, students that were between their presentations and the award ceremony were allowed to wander around the booths and learn more about local NWA history. Emily was on-site as a Judge for History Day then joined Juli at the table. We made several connections with local educators who are interested in bringing field trips to THM as well as using Tontitown history for future History Day projects.
- 2. Digitization Project:** CatalogIT is going quick, import features are working great which is streamlining our data entry for photos. We hope to have the photos from past Polenta Smears imported by the end of the year if not earlier.
- 3. Visitors:** 18 visitors for February. In 2024 we had 29, with hosting an AMA meet-up and Shaw Elementary.
- 4. Committees:** After further discussion the following committees have been proposed and filled, final voting on the placements will take place in April; Food Committee (this group makes sure there is food at each meeting, and donate their time and money to do so), Volunteer Committee (this group is in charge of Junior members and volunteers of THM), Newsletter Committee (meet 2x a year to review and edit the THM Storia), Expansion Committee (meet, discuss and present future expansion plans), Collections Committee (in charge of getting with staff about new accessions, policy changes or questions about the collection), Fundraising Committee (in charge of any capital campaigns for future fundraisers), Education Committee (support staff to produce classroom content and ensure our summer camp program meets standards of education). We will present the final committees and how they are filled next month.
- 5. Guests:** We had three guests last meeting, Rachel Pianalto-Strickland, Katie Jo Piazza, Nikki Mussino; all are interested in joining the board (Katie and Nikki as Junior Members). They have been invited to attend a couple more meetings and our upcoming Heritage Day Event on June 1st, then their membership will be voted on this summer.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

Board of Directors

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