



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes:

Date: June 23, 2011 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township Municipal Building- Stable Road

Members Present: Karl Rolappe- Chair- Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Carol Copeland- Member, Dick Bieling- Member, Marybeth Beers- Member

Consultants: Roy Christman, Connie Bieling

Excused: Elise Binder- Member, Paul Hoppel- Member.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance		The Historical Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our veterans and military members currently defending it.
Approval of last month's Minutes:	Motion to approve the minutes from May 26 th , 2011 made by Tom Newman, seconded by Marybeth Beers.	A.I.F.
Public Participation History day	Roy Christman spoke about getting our commission together with the Kibler school committee and holding a History Day at the school. He was thinking it would be better to do this in the early fall to avoid the excessive heat. He mentioned that some suggestions among the Kibler school members were to have some games there, including, "cake walk". Roy gave a brief description of the game. He also explained that it's something people don't do right anymore. He suggested	

	<p>that we play the game the right way. Interestingly enough, that would also be a means of carrying our history forward. He also suggested that we set up chairs and partitioned tables with perhaps three interviewers, (members), who would interview attendees. There could be potentially ten quick questions such as: What one room school did you go to?, what did you like about it? What did you dislike about it? Etc. Then take a picture and move on. Roy said this was all in the tentative stages. Tom said. "If Roy supplies the "old timers", there are enough of us to sit down and run them through!". He suggested questions like, "Would you tell us a funny story?" happy story, sad story?" etc. Roy said the Kibler school committee would pick the date in early October. Marybeth said we could assign jobs to certain members such as taking pictures etc. to help it run more smoothly. Roy said that there was a school reunion in the last 5 years and that of the 9 people in a picture with his father from that time, 4 or 5 have since passed away.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Interview Training</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Township Archives</p>	<p>There was some discussion about doing Interviews by strictly following the form. Tom and Carol both had very good suggestions on ways to proceed for those of us who lack experience. Tom mentioned "carpe diem", (seize the moment), as the call here to circumvent the apprehension.</p> <p>Margaret Bower Shinsec,(2055 Station St.) Roy and Dick will interview her.</p> <p>Tom said that in the interest of using our time more wisely that this was something we could work on in the colder months.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Tabled until late fall.</p>

<p>New Business:</p> <p>Historic Preservation Award</p>	<p>Roy suggested that we hand out the award after we have an in house evaluation of the various nominees. Types of plaques and amount we would be willing to spend on one were discussed. Connie knew of a place in Allentown who made them. Marybeth mentioned that Sheas in Palmerton did them as well. She also commented favorably on the Historical Commission banner displayed in the township building and suggested we use the same logo. Roy said he would check with Sheas and West end printing regarding these issues and bring back some information.</p>	
<p>Officials:</p> <p>Herbs and Medicine in history</p> <p>Index</p>	<p>Carol met a woman who knows a great deal about herbs and medicine and how they were used in history. She does seminars. Carol suggested we could get her to come give a presentation sometime in the future.</p> <p>Carol asked Marybeth if she thought the Palmerton Historical Society would be willing to share their records with us as they must also have records of properties within our township. Marybeth said most definitely yes.</p>	<p>A.I.F. We left a message at Rockamour Herbs' business number. 570.386.2791</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Motion made by Tom Newman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Copeland.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm</p>