

## September 13, 2021 Historical Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Colin McLain, Monica Zuba, Carolyn Gant, Diane Stockinger,  
Kathryn Saxton-Granato, Delores Simkins, Henry Kobik, Carol Coulbourn  
Members Absent: Joe Darminio, Frank Pfrommer, Joe Bilinski  
Guest Present: Mary Petsch-Wilson- Committee Representative, John Sweeney

The September meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the History Center.

Mrs. Coulbourn apologized for the extreme heat in the History Center. The air conditioning had been broken all summer and the temperature was almost 90 degrees in the room. The room was simply too hot to be open all summer. The Library would contact her when people from out of State wanted to visit the Center and she would open it up, warning visitors in advance it was very hot in side. People from Illinois, Texas, and the local delegate from the Malaga Pentecostal Church seeking information for their anniversary celebration, visited during the summer. The visitors from Texas were former residents and really enjoyed browsing the Center, looking at old photos, and reminiscing of their years in Franklin Township. The lady from Illinois was doing family research and found a great deal of information Mrs. Gretchen McLain had gathered over her years at the Center. Mrs. Janet DeMarco found lots of information to share with the Anniversary Committee of her Church and promised to bring us a copy of their Anniversary program for our records.

Mr. John Sweeney, local resident, attended and discussed the book he has been writing regarding Franklin Township residents that served in the Civil War. He noted the various places they signed up and the regiments they served in during that period. He also noted locations of known burial locations of the service men. Mr. Sweeney credited Mrs. Gretchen McLain for inspiring his project and aiding him in the project. He expressed interest in becoming a member.

It was explained that members are appointed by the Township Committee; however, anyone could attend meetings. His name will be referred to the Township Committee for consideration when appointments are made to the Historical Advisory Committee. He was invited to take part in Community Day and serve in our tent with the Historical Display.

Community Day Discussion: Members displayed various items they brought along for the "What is it?" display. There were numerous interesting items ranging from kitchen items, tools, old wooden farming gadgets, hair styling tools, a speaker from the drive in movies, and many more additional interesting items. Members had a good time trying to identify the objects and a lot of laughs. Mr. McLain offered to make the entry forms, which would provide numbered spaces to match the items to be displayed. It would also include a line for a bonus item. A drawing will be held on the hours of 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. and a \$5.00 gift card and a 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ornament would be presented to winners.

Mrs. Saxton-Granato offered to man the booth for the day. Mr. Kobik, Mrs. Stockinger, and Mrs. Zuba offered to assist during the day. Mrs. Simkins stated she would also try to assist if they are home. Mrs. Coulbourn stated she requested the Franklinville Methodist Church be next to the Historical Tent so Mrs. Zuba could be available to assist in both tents. Mrs. Coulbourn stated she would bring the items needed for the day and set up the tables, banner and tent. She noted that she is Secretary of the Recreation Commission, which runs Community Day, and has been heavily involved in the project all 28 years. She sells the tickets for the bouncers and takes in several thousand dollars. She explained that there are only about a dozen people that plan the project and they don't have enough key people to put in the Recreation tents to handle the money. She added that she would much rather be in the Historical Tent then stuck all handling money with no breaks. Several volunteers show up to help man the Recreation's food tent,

auction, hay ride, bouncers, stage, collection of money, and several other tasks. Only limited experienced Recreation members, of which there are few, handle the money.

Community Day will begin at 11:00 a.m. Cars should be out of the staging areas by 10:30 a.m. It should be a spectacular event, even an air show has been added and a large car show, and the most participants ever are expected-all day stage entertainment, games, businesses, displays, great food, bouncers, air show and a fantastic fireworks display.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn