February 4, 2019 Historical Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Monica Zuba, Kathryn Saxton-Granato, Carl Napoli
                       Diane Stockinger, Carol Coulbourn
Members Absent: Joe Darminio, Joe Bilinski, Frank Pfrommer, Colin McLain,
                       Henry Kobik, Delores Simkins, Carolyn Gant
Guest Present: none

The January 14, 2019 meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the History Center by Chairman Carol Coulbourn.

Mrs. Coulbourn summarized the 2018 report she had prepared to forward to the Township Committee. The report highlighted the activities that had taken place at the History Center and Railroad Station.

Mrs. Coulbourn reported that she attended the Library's program on vinyl records. The speaker had a large collection of records and discussed the value of various recordings. He noted that the record jackets of the 33 1/3 records could increase the value. He noted he almost cried when he found a valuable record only to discover the jacket had been repaired with duct tape, decreasing the value of the record. She noted it was informative and an enjoyable evening that was well attended. People brought along an assortment of records, which he discussed.

She also showed members a sample of the ornament that the Franklinville Methodist Church had for their 175th anniversary. The ornament had an etching of the church and the date and they sold them for $5.00 each, making about $1.00 on each one. She stated that she would also research other suppliers for comerative ornaments.

She stated that it would be nice if there could be an event each month during 2020 celebrating the Township's 200th anniversary. It could kick off with the Township Committee's reorganization meeting in 2020. For the Township's 175th anniversary they had a Ben Franklin impersonator at the reorganization meeting. Other organizations and churches could be encouraged to have an event during the year; perhaps a special float for the Memorial Day Parade in May, special Community Day recognition, ending with a special Christmas at the Center event. Other activities could perhaps include a contest of some type for the school children, old fashion field day games in June, November Thanksgiving.

Mr. Napoli suggested involving the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and ROTC. He also suggested that Christine Dougherty be contacted and the History teachers for their input.

Mrs. Coulbourn stated that we needed to take some pictures of how the Township looks as it turns 200 years old for the Township's Calendar and featuring photos of Now and Then.

Mrs. Saxton Granato noted that there were a lot of photos on the Township's Web site. She also reported on her cooking class at the Whitall House. Cooking is done over burning coals and no electricity is utilized in the preparation. (Makes us appreciate modern day appliances and electricity!)

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 we will be hosting the Historical Round Table at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room. Neighboring communities attending will be invited to come early and visit the Railroad Station and our History Center. We will set up for light refreshments, cookie tray, ice tea, bottled water, cups and napkins. Mark the date on your calendar; it would be nice to have a good showing.

Saturday, April 6, 2019 Library Book Sale and we will have open house. Time to be announced. The event brings out a large crowd of people that purchase lots of books at the bargain prices of hard back books for .50 cents and paper packs for .25 cents. Videos are also available.

The annual egg hunt will be held April 13th for anyone with little ones; the Easter Bunny will also be on hand. We will not be open that Saturday.

No meetings in July and August.

September 21, 2019 Community Day we will have a booth.

December 7, 2019 Christmas at the Center we will be open from noon until about 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Mrs. Stockinger seconded by Mr. Napoli and carried the meeting was ordered adjourned at 8:25 p.m. All members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn