

May 6, 2019 Historical Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Monica Zuba, Kathryn Saxton-Granato, Colin McLain, Carolyn Gant,
Diane Stockinger, Carol Coulbourn

Members Absent: Joe Darminio, Frank Pfrommer, Carl Napoli, Joe Bilinski
Henry Kobik, Delores Simkins

Guest Present: Phil Russo-Environmental Commission & Planning Board member

The May 6, 2019 meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the History Center by Chairman Carol Coulbourn.

Mrs. Coulbourn passed around a recent letter listing events that would be taking place at the 2019 South Jersey History Fair taking place on June 8th (rain date June 9th). Eight southern counties historical groups will be taking part and there will be tours of the Gabreil Daveis Tavern and grounds. Admission is free. She stated she would e-mail the letter to members.

The banner for the tent we will be using has been ordered and would be available for members to see at the June meeting. Mrs. Coulbourn reported she would pick up the tent and items we will be taking to the event on Friday, June 7th. She noted she kept the list of items and flyers together from last year. Some items will be old Township calendars featuring old photos, flyers on the Franklinville Inn, Franklinville Railroad Station, Fingers' Basket Factory, and the Township logo. Also some Township pins, easels, tri folds and information on the Spectro Chrome machine-perhaps the machine.

Mrs. Coulbourn noted our next activity would be September 21st Community Day. We will have our 200th anniversary ornaments for sale for the 200th anniversary of the Township which will take place in January of 2020 and also do the year book photos. We will try to make it a yearlong celebration.

Mrs. Saxton-Granato reported on the recent event held at the Washington Township Old Stone House. She discussed the Hearth Cooking and other events that took place.

Mrs. Coulbourn questioned Mr. Russo if he would like to perhaps demonstrate some of his historical talents or tools.

Mr. Russo explained that it was difficult to keep kids interested in historical woodworking and crafts. He discussed various historical tools and how they were used.

Members discussed how things have evolved and how the modern cell phones have evolved to become a telephone, a GPS, a camera, an exercise monitor, calculator, a dictionary, a resource of all types of information. It was noted that the things it could replace could cover our table and make an interesting display.

Mrs. Coulbourn noted that the cast iron shoe repair tool was missing from its location and she had not been able to find it. She noted that she didn't feel it was something that someone would just pick up and walk out with due to its weight. (*note this item has been found, someone moved it to the tool section-3 of us walked past it and did not notice it there!)

Mrs. Coulbourn reminded members that the June 3rd meeting would be our last meeting until September 9th (*note the first Monday in September is Labor Day and the building will be closed). We do not meet in July and August due to the fact so many people are traveling or on vacation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn