

COVERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Marjorie Clayton called the meeting to order at 12:03

Members present: Marjorie Clayton, Daywi Cook, Mia Bennett, Christy Zwenger

Members absent: Patrice Jackson

Approve agenda: Daywi Cook made the motion to approve the agenda. Mia Bennett seconded.

Public Comment: The question on who actually approves a donation was answered. The Museum Advisory Committee makes the recommendation for an item to the Township Board. The idea of a member of the Board to possibly come see where such item would “fit” in the museum was considered. Marjorie Clayton made the motion to approve such idea. Christy Zwenger seconded it. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

1. Fabric for chairs: Marjorie Clayton will reach out to Michelina, our volunteer upholsterer on the matter.
2. Donations: The “Temporary Custody” in the Donation Fact Sheet has been taken out and was approved by the Township Board.
3. Updates on the Donation Information Form are to be presented to the Township Board for approval at their October 2024 meeting.
4. “Deed of Gift”: Mia Bennett brought up this topic. Daywi Cook suggested the Township’s attorney to draft one upon recommendation.

Marjorie made a motion for us to use the help of the Township's attorney. Mia seconded it. Motion carried

5. Museum Manager: This person would be in charge of the volunteers and work with Supervisor Cook. The consideration to make this a paid position was discussed. Daywi Cook suggested we post this job opportunity on our Facebook page first to see what kind of responses we get, and proceed from there.
6. Floor: The Committee is following up with Public Works, George Pigge, on getting quotes for this work.
7. Safe: No further action has been taken. Any original pieces/donations are still being kept over at Township Hall.
8. Floor Register: The floor register has been replaced. Thank you, Public Works.

New Business:

1. John LaPlante, artisan blacksmith is a probable speaker for the 2025 season. He will email his presentation information to Mia Bennett to put into a Powerpoint. Covert Blacksmith History will also be presented.
2. Frames: Daywi Cook is ordering some from the Township to be used to frame the typed written facts on certain museum exhibits. (Thank you, Jean Robinson for your work!)
3. Christy Zwenger's resignation from the Musuem Board: Daywi Cook approved it. Marjorie Clayton seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11.

The next meeting is set for October 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Christy Zwenger