

## **COVERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Daywi Cook at 1:05

Members Present: Daywi Cook, Mia Bennett, Marjorie Clayton, Patrice Jackson, Christy Zwenger

Approval of agenda and minutes: Daywi made motion. Mia seconded.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jean Robinson brought the “open” flag for George to put up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building Repair:** George is stabilizing the front porch to make it safe to use.

**The Safe:** Laura is still in its search. Daywi confirmed that the Township will pay for it. Daywi suggested finding other options for Laura to pursue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Programming:** 1) Allen Mingo, former Covert resident, to be possible guest speaker at the Alumni Reunion in June.  
2) A consideration was made to offer stipends to the guest speakers.  
3) The Museum will host 3 guest speakers for the season.  
4) Discussion of who to have as our guests included: Paul DeYoung, Register of Deeds, Van Buren County; former librarian in Grand Rapids (Kathy to reach out to her.); someone from the Lorena family; and local Native Americans.  
5) Pancake Breakfast: Daywi will share more info as the time comes.  
6) Memorial Day Parade: Jean Robinson to drive in the parade. Christy to carry banner.

**Reunion:** Sell A Stronger Kinship for \$20 and put the surplus \$10 from the sale to the Museum. Daywi is getting details on if and how the Museum can sell items.

**Library Partnership:** Daywi is open to ideas. She also suggested the Museum posting an exhibit there.

**Newsletter/Brochures:** Jean Robinson suggested linking up with the library on a newsletter. Laura will make copies of the current one to put out in local areas: South Haven Visitor's Center, Covert Campground, etc.

**Museum Exhibits:** Renovations are necessary. We will start by making an inventory of what we have and go from there.

**Fundraising Efforts:** Daywi will get the donor list and send out letters. Grant ideas were mentioned as well.

**Donation Letter:** Mia is fine tuning the third paragraph of the letter. Donation policies are to be discussed at May's meeting.

**Volunteers:** New volunteers should go through Laura and alert her of their availability.

Volunteer Teams thus far:

**Tuesday Volunteers:** Ladonna, Mia, Marjorie, Mae, Kathy (as an alternate)

**Friday Volunteers:** Jean, Patrice, Christy, Marge, Daywi (as her schedule opens)

**Media and Communication:** Facebook, Website, and Email are under Township control. Anyone interested in writing Facebook posts was encouraged.

The Township Email is more secure than our former one. Labels will be created with the new email address to put over the old one on our brochures.

**Monthly Museum Meeting Day:** The third Tuesday at noon at the Museum will be our monthly meeting day for the 2024 Season.

Christy made the motion to adjourn at 3:30. Mia seconded.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m. at the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Zwenger