

South Londonderry Township Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes for Monday April 11, 2016, 7:00pm

Presiding: Maria Pichini, Chairperson
Members Present: Susan Bucks, Rugh Henderson, Sid Hostetter, Lois Matarazzi – Secretary,, Bill Stoffel
Members Excused: Faith Bucks, Peter Gluszko, Cindy Skinner

Meeting was held at the Mt. Gretna Historical Society Museum; those present included: Larry Bowman, Fred Buch, Sue Hostetter, Dave Wood

Rugh gave brief description of South Londonderry Township Historical Commission (“**SLTHC**”) Currently, Mt. Gretna Historical Society (“**MGHC**”) has 230 members

Goals

SLTHC should determine what they, as a Commission, wish to do {i.e., programs, museum, anniversaries, etc.}

Colebrook Mill

Bill gave a brief background of the Colebrook Mill. To date, the PA Game Commission is requesting 14 acres in exchange for 4 acres and 2 buildings (the Maintenance Shed and the Mill). Estimated cost to repair the slate roof at the Mill is \$50,000. Ideas given include;

- contact the PA State Historical & Museum Commission [they offer matching grants), start a 501(c) for fundraising,
- contact The Mill at Anselma, located in Chester Springs {website = anselmamill.org} for ideas and suggestions and how they restored their mill, and
- contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation for possible assistance in fundraising.

Other possible contacts given include;

- Historic Poole Forge {1700’s iron plantation} – website = historicpooleforge.org, and the
- Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley {information on Ephrata Mill} – website = cocalicovalleys.org

Upcoming Projects / Dates at Mt. Gretna

“Past Perfect” – archiving documents, cataloging everything and setting up search engine for the ability to do research on-line

May 29th - Mt. Gretna Porch Party; 4-6pm

July 8th – Documentary – “Mount Gretna: A perennial Spirit” – 7pm @ the Hall of Philosophy

The meeting ended with a tour of the museum and a heart-felt thank-you to the Mt. Gretna Historical Society for their ideas, suggestions and opening their museum for us to meet and tour. We look forward to continuing working with them.

Next Historical Commission Meeting

Monday, May 9th; 7:00pm at South Londonderry Township Municipal Building.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Matarazzi