

TWO August 2022 Meetings

August 15, 2022, Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild met at Coal Creek Village, with Tim DeSherlia presiding. Others present: Gerald Rector, co-chairman; Malinda McClure, John Broux, Jay Denton, Keith and Marilea Cearlock, Lila and Richard Chaplin, Steve Fry, Paul Meyerholz, Millie Meyerholz and Bill Outis.

Alex Peter of BS Troop 202 in Decatur was present due to financial situation regarding his Eagle Scout project of building new gate, three long posts and side fence. The total project expected cost of \$1,102 instead cost \$1,134.19, \$32 more than what he had raised, and he spent \$201.65 of his own money.

The guild reimbursed Alex's out-of-pocket cost. There was \$100 donation added.

Minutes of July meeting approved.

The July financial report by Malinda stated balance of \$859.32, with income from Boy Scout fund of \$690.51, totaling \$1,549.83. Expenses were \$34.64 for 100 brochures by Rose City Printing; building materials, Tim DeSherlia, \$48.69 and Pana Water Dept., \$42.62, totaling \$125.93. Ending balance, \$1,425.95; Building fund, \$3,142.71. No activity. Report approved. (Did not record motion, second and passage.)

Tim related that an 80-pound bag of cement was dropped just inside the entry—where flooring was weakened due to leaky roof on north side. The drop broke the flooring. He explained the need to repair the floor. (That was completed by Gerald, assisted by Bill some days later.)

Most business related to progression of buildings and grounds work and plans for Coal Creek Days, Sept. 2-4.

The ramp behind the Foster house was to be shortened with a section to be used for handicap access to the general store.

Among chores to be completed before the festival: dirt piles are to be moved and spread on low places around buildings. (That was accomplished on the east and west sides of the store, and full south side of Foster place.)

Drastic changes and improvements have been done, Tim said, He referred to a brick walk south from the store to the circle rock walkway. A stepping stone will be placed in front of the porch and at the back door of the store.

Steel posts will be driven around the Pryce excavation and chimney, with yellow caution tape attached for safety reasons. Also, there is much site cleanup to be done.

Food for members, campers and tradesmen was discussed. This season, there will be cooking over an open pit fire.

Due to a mistake in the chinking mix used on the store, Tim said the recipe having been wrong, the material was too soft and did not set up. It would have to be removed and replaced. A section to incorporate horsehair donated by Kelly Barringer, and straw into the mixture was to be done in an area on the building front.

Lila said she had nine bottles of root beer extract that would make one gallon of drink, and also would provide lemonade for the festival.

She would like to have a quilting bee during the event, using the quilt frame owned by the guild, and perhaps include some visitors involved. She had a hand-embroidered quilt top, with backing and batting that she would donate to the guild. But it was considered there wasn't enough time to pull that program together.

Tim will provide his marquee tent for use during the festival.

An 85th birthday party was planned for the weekend to honor David Causy and Richard Chaplin, who were born on the same date. They will provide birthday cake and ice cream.

Jay said the quote for a fund raiser through Rose City Printing is \$20 per T shirt. Two other places in Moweaqua and Carlinville also will be checked for similar project.

Information from the Cowden Pioneer Days group involved a query about the guild acquiring a log structure that the village of Cowden paid \$1 but now wants to tear down. Cowden owns the park and buildings, but the group puts on the annual festival it was explained. There was no discussion.

Keith brought up the potential of the guild joining Pana Historical Society, which would save the guild saving the fees of \$1,175 to obtain its own 501 3-C IRS status. The subject of merging is to be discussed at a future time.

A final planning meeting for the festival was set for 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the village.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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NOTE: At the Aug. 12 work day at CCV, volunteer John "Tad" Slater donated \$50 for the purchase of supplies for the porch installation. The cash was used for that purpose at RP Lumber. Tim provided lunch for all workers that day. Aug. 13 and 14, Millie and Bill provided ingredients for lunch.

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A jam-packed meeting of PPHG was held Monday, Aug. 29 regarding the fast-approaching Coal Creek Days. Tim DeSherlia presided at the village, with Gerald Rector, co-chairman; Lila and Richard, John, Steve, Keith, Millie and Bill, Malinda McClure, Paul Meyerholz, Marietta and Kevin Stevens.

Food schedules for serving The Crew were set. Gerald will cook on the open fire pit with two tripods Saturday, and will grill chicken legs. He plans to buy 25 to 30 pounds at 99 cents per pound.

Tim will set the marquee south of the store. It can be used for seating to view entertainment on the staging area: general store porch, and for dining.

Lila will cook chili and sloppy joes on Sunday. Millie will make a large pan of cornbread to go with the main course. Then Lila noted she had discovered each bottle of root beer (as mentioned in previous meeting) makes five gallons, instead of one per bottle. Leanna Clark will furnish a ground beef and venison mix for the chili..

Elaine Fry, Melinda Golden and Kathy Readnour have pledged goodies for the bake sale. (Note: However, Kelly Barringer also furnished goodies for the sale; Mrs. Golden did not.).

Due to concern over demolition derby traffic with vehicles bringing the cars on trailers – creating exceedingly long lines -- interfering with our festival traffic and parking over the Labor Day Weekend at the fairgrounds, Tim is going to talk to the DD man in charge, Kirby Manuel.

Boy Scout Troop 202 will camp over the weekend, leaving Sunday morning. They will assist with tasks during the festival. The scouts will camp in white canvas or nylon tents. The leaders camp in separate unit. Tim is going to loan a tent to the scouts. The Scout group will order pizzas for their meals.

On Thursday Sept. 1, Tim said tool will be put away, and the post office cabinet will be returned to the store and set in place. The store will be cleaned out of items that don't belong there. Lots of tools and other work items were put in there. Millie and Paul will remove plastic covers from furniture and clean the store. The Foster house – already having the new double floor section replacement done by Gerald and assisted by Bill – will be swept and dusted. Gerald is going to sleep there where he will have his bottles/jugs and Indian artifacts displayed. Excess firewood is to be removed from the house, it was specified by Tim..

Lila plans to serve cake and ice cream from 5 to 7 Friday for the 85th birthdays of Dave Causy and her husband, Richard.

The box trailer is to be removed from the north side along the grass roadway behind the store to align the area west of the cemetery exhibit, Tim said. Steve Fry has given the unit to the guild for storage purposes.

Several items will be sold at the store, along with the bake sale transactions: Artistic Pana Landmarks souvenir books, \$3 each or both volumes, 2 for \$4; photograph and line art post cards, 25 cents each, 5 for \$1; Millennial (Christian County commemoration of), 150th year commemoration of Pana, Pana Centennial 1956 with 40 years later enclosure, \$5 apiece. Lila was going to bring some antiques for store sales. Millie would have a Book Nook for used book sales.

Two extra portapotties will be ordered for the weekend from Hilton Plumbing.

A whizzer machine which cuts brush will be used to clear the area on the east side of the village fence. It has been donated to the guild by the Chaplins.

Keith showed story boards that he created to showcase all four buildings, with a permanent finish. While we were still there, the framework sections made by Steve Fry were placed on them, and Steve attached three of them to their respective buildings. The Pryce house version will be exhibited in front of the fence around the excavation and fireplace/chimney.

Keith already had signage completed announcing Coal Creek Village and other details, and attached to the front and the fencing by the gate. He also was planning an Open/Shut sign to hang in front of the store.

However, the completed back side would state "Gone."

Next meeting

The September agenda, Tim announced will focus on dues and election of officers.

The Monday, Sept. 19 session will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the village.
Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

Millie Meyerholz, Secretary

Special meeting for Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild was held at 5:00 p.m. on **Aug. 1, 2022** at Coal Creek Village, with Tim DeSherlia, co-chairman, presiding. Also present were Steve and Angie Fry, Keith and Marilea Cearlock, Jay Denton, John Broux, Millie Meyerholz and Bill Outis. The purpose of the session was to plan work days. One set of plans involved chinking the general store and to build a new wooden gate system with 20 foot high gate posts and cross piece over the top to add stability. The other was to place stones in the Pryce house foundation.

Telephone poles were anticipated to be used as gate posts, to be installed four feet deep. There was the possibility that Dale Elvers would help install the posts.

Boy Scout Troop 202 of Decatur will be involved with the chinking and gate projects in connection with earning Eagle Scout designations.

Materials for the chinking were discussed: John had contacted the former Martin Marietta rock quarry to try to obtain crushed limestone. To date, there was no response. Other needs are for sand from Poggenpohl Construction Company and cement to be obtained from R. P. Lumber. RP will provide 50 bags of cement with \$2 off the full cost per bag.

Alex Peters is doing the gate project. It was said that he preferred to get new posts, however. The poles are to be set further west into the grounds to make better access for vehicles entering the village property. The gates will be 8 feet wide. It is expected that original lumber treated with linseed oil some years ago will be used for the gate construction.

Millie was to call J.U.L.I.E. to arrange for digging permission with utility representatives to mark water, sewer and other buried services that run across the area where posts will be installed.

Tim said he wanted to put the floor in the Pryce house the weekend of Aug. 6-7, and would be calling the sawyer, B & B Sawmill of rural Moweaqua. Thirty boards will need planed. He also stated he would be spending the entire following week working at the village.

In other business, Jay talked about fund-raising project, the sales of T-shirts with a logo and information, such as a line drawing picture of the village on front and message on the back. It was suggested that Brewin' Hope's special T-shirts be checked as a potential version for the design.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p. m.