

## Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild

### TWO MEETINGS

Special meeting **Apr. 29, 2022** by phone relay: Tim DeSherlia, Gerald Rector, Keith Cearlock, Millie Meyerholz and Bill Outis: Subject, Motion to allow the pioneer group to be put under Pana Historical Society's 501c/3 on temporary basis. Motion by Tim, second by Gerald, all in favor.

This is because PHS was able to obtain its tax exemption status whereas PPHG has strived since Dec. 3, 2021 to deal with Internal Revenue Service, Federal government agency, and has duly obtained its tax exempt number . As of Apr. 29, the guild still had not received the required approval by U.S. mail.

The tax exempt status is needed for purchase of materials from RP Lumber in Pana regarding buildings at Coal Creek Village needing immediate work, part of which will save the guild over \$500 in tax monies.

### ***May 16 notice:***

It was announced that the historical society is going to open a new account for PPHG to use the 501c/3 status.

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The regular **May 16, 2022** meeting was held at Coal Creek Village, with Tim DeSherlia, co-chairman, presiding, and attended also by Gerald Recrot, Malinda McClure, Keith and Marilea Cearlock, Millie Meyerholz and Bill Outis. Tim stated that over the weekend of Friday through Sunday, May 13-15, the roof work on the general store was nearly completed. There were 13 scouts this being Henry Morgan's Eagle Scout badge project, his grandparents, his parents, four scout leaders, and volunteers John Ukena of rural Pana and Ken Gaffney of Greenville.

The Scouts and leaders set up tents on the west site of the village and spent overnight Friday. The marquee was set up for a cook site and dining. Cooks were Terry Morgan and her mother.

Henry, his father and grandfather have about two to three hours of work to finish the roof project, and will come back next week to complete it.

Tim dug out most of the north side fire pit, the site of which will be replaced by turf so as to create more space for campsites. Brian Kinney sprayed around trees and buildings for carpenter ants and other invasive insects.

There were carpenter ants located on trees and already established in the Foster house. He will return to coat all places again.

Steve Sipes came with a pole saw and trimmed tress all around the village. Stanley Elvers moved stones from the north side fence line area to near the Pryce house site for foundation installation. There still is some water pooled in the northeast excavated area.

No gardening has been accomplished because the ground is too wet.

Although Millie was to call Pana Electric/Smoky Hadowsky to re-install the security light fixture, she failed to do so. The contact for the light was to be made immediately.

The Pana Heritage Society will open an account for the guild for tax exempt status so the exemption once in place can be re-established.

The April minutes were read and accepted.

### ***Financial report***

Due to the guild meeting early April, there was no financial report then available for the month of March.

Therefore, two reports were given: March 2022 general fund had a beginning balance of \$713.75 with income of \$65.30, with .33 cents expense, and ending balance of \$778.70. The Boy Scout fund had no activity, remaining at \$4,098.51. Also, the building fund had no activity, the balance remaining at 3,142.71. The April report general fund balance being \$778.70 with no income, expenses of \$290 insurance, \$80 for the lock box drilling, \$370 total, had ending balance of \$408.70. Boy Scout balance of 4,098.51 received \$5,700 income, bringing total to \$9,798.51, expense for saw mill, \$500, balance of \$9,298.51 according to the treasurer's calculation. Bank balance however. stated \$9,798.51. Building fund had no activity, remaining at \$3,142.71.

Malinda, treasurer, requested permission to transfer funds frto general fund because it is nearly depleted, from building fund. (The building fund will be reimbursed.). Upon motion for same by Millie, seconded by Keith, motion approved.

*Old Business*

None.

*New Business*

Millie read an Email letter she received from April Warren, Kemmerer Village, offering speakers to tell about several programs available at the rural Assumption site.

However, Millie immediately wrote back that instead, the guild would like to do an event for the young people and some staff members at the village, stating, "Because that's what we do." She received a response of definite interest from Ms. Warren.

It was agreed that we can set that up.

Saturday, Tim said he did a podcast which involved Tim Crosby and Mike Choate, with Tim C. doing an original song about his horse.

Keith announced that the PPHG bylaws of over 40 years ago need to be updated. This must be done before an accountant, Josh Ishmael, can complete our lengthy application for IRS non-profit status now in process of being re-established.

We learned that IDOT has issued a road sign for Rhodes-France Scout Reservation. We talked about obtaining one for Coal Creek Cemetery, the half-mile roadway entry being about a short distance north of the Boy Scout camp. (Note: Since then, George Heintz, Oconee Township supervisor, approved the guild acting upon same with IDOT.).

Several kinds of potential fund raisers were discussed.

Upon motion by Keith, second by Gerald, the \$25 fee for a booth was approved to pay Chamber of Commerce for a booth June 4--Heritage Day in downtown Pana. Keith stated he would tweak brochures and have them printed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The pioneer guild next will meet at 6:00 p.m. June 20 at the village. If heat is oppressive or weather otherwise disagreeable, the site will be at Keith's office building on Bear Creek Road.