

Pocopson Township Historical Committee Meeting

May 14, 2025

Attendees: Don McKay (chair), John Hedrick, Ray McKay (Supervisor), David Miller, Randy Mims, Sarah Mims, Tony Mussachio, Loralynne Yost

1. Locust Grove Schoolhouse

Punch list – 5/14/25

Exterior

1. Relocate HVAC condensing unit to east side of building.
 - Randy has contacted contractor to get availability to perform job.
2. Repaint exterior window sash
 - Ray has contacted Charles Cockerham and the job will be coordinated when the rear ell of the Barnard House is painted, prior to end of July.
3. Create exterior wayside marker to display information about the schoolhouse when not open.
 - Don will get higher resolution images at Chester County History Center as original images did not display well when enlarged on signage at vendor.

Interior

4. Update displays at schoolhouse
 - Don has created several new images to have printed on foam boards to replace older examples.
5. Latch for book cabinet
 - Randy working with Ball and Ball in Exton to find a suitable replacement.

2. AXAXL Day of Giving volunteer day 2025 – Wednesday June 18th

- Sarah advised that 9 volunteers have signed up.
- Painting of dining room, kitchen, and stair hall ceilings at the Barnard House
- AXAXL will contribute ~\$400 to purchase materials
- Mulch beds at schoolhouse and Barnard Station

3. New grant opportunities for 2025

One Room Schoolhouse Association of America

- Sarah submitted an application for our outdoor restroom project.
 - Award not given to our project as they prioritize projects directly connected to individual structures.

Brandywine Greenway mini-grant

- Sarah located mini-grant opportunity with Brandywine Conservancy.
- Need to create signage to close out last grant from 2021.
- Sarah submitted new application for our outdoor restroom project.
- Awaiting decision

4. New Township ovals for Flanking March historical marker

- Original ovals have peeled due to sun damage. Vendor has replaced free of charge.
 - Don has new ovals and will install onto marker.

5. 2025 Open House schedule –

May through October - 3rd Sunday from 11 am - 1 pm.

- May 18 – Ray and Tony
- June 15 – Sarah and Randy
- July 20 – Don and John
- August 17 - David and Tony
- September 21 – will skip this and replace with participation on Founders Day on 9/13
- October 19

6. Town Tours and Village Walks – July 31, 2025

- Barnard Station/ Pocopson Township Historical Committee will be participating in the July 31st Town Tours and Village Walks event.
- Historical Committee will be set up in the public meeting room in the Township building as a stop on the larger guided tour.
- Don has created several display boards to be used in the event.
- Don will create a 5-7 minute script to be used overviewing mid-19th century Pocopson Township black population, agriculture and milling industry overview.

7. Chester County Day – October 4, 2025

- Both the Locust Grove Schoolhouse and Barnard Station have been invited to participate in this year's event. Event runs from 10 am until 5 pm.
- Debbie Hess has contacted Don to set up time to visit sites for initial planning purposes.

8. Founders Day 2025

- We have been invited to participate in Founders Day on Saturday Sept. 13th. Parks/ Rec/ and Trails committee will be running the event this year.

9. Fundraising ideas

- Locust Grove Schoolhouse yard sale benefit
 - Late September (possibly 9/21 or 9/22)
 - Randy will contact Neil Vaughan to get onto upcoming BOS Meeting agenda to discuss.

10. Social Media community outreach

- We would like to investigate if we could get approval to create a Facebook and Instagram account for the Pocopson Township Historical Committee to share information from our website and to engage the surrounding community (similar to what is being done at Barnard Station).
 - Randy will contact Neil Vaughan to get onto upcoming BOS Meeting agenda to discuss.

Next meeting on 6/11/25 at 7:00 pm in Township building.