

## Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

**Minutes: January 28, 2009**

Members present: L. Anderson, M.E. Brandell, S. Davidson, B. Denslow, S. Tilmann, N. Sanders, K. Voeks. Guest: David Ling. Minutes taken by N. White.

The minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting sent to the committee members by email were moved to be approved by Voeks, seconded by Tilmann. Motion passed.

**Public comment:** David Ling, county commissioner, informed the committee that the county Board of Commissions is excited about the Founder's Day event. He expressed understanding that there have been problems and expressed Board of Commissioner's appreciation of members who have remained on the committee despite problems. He said the Board wants to support us but mentioned that occasionally Christie is overwhelmed with other work and may not be able to help us.

Voeks mentioned that one way the Board can help is to communicate our events with the other commissioners and encourage them to communicate our events to their townships.

It was mentioned that the Council of Governments might be a good place to communicate our events to other county officials. Tilmann suggested that the March Council of Governments meeting will be in the county building. End of public comment.

### **Business:**

It was moved by Denslow and seconded by Brandell that Anderson be named the Chair of this Steering Committee. Unanimous support. It was moved by Denslow and seconded by Voeks that Davidson be the Vice Chair of this committee. Unanimous support.

Andersons suggested we send Alwood, the former chair, a thank you note for all she did and all she continues to do to help the events. All agreed.

Venues other than the fair were discussed. The fair cannot have a beer tent and that was one of the items on our list.

### **Committee updates:**

*Fundraising and events:* Dates for the Ball discussed. Davidson will bring available dates to the next meeting. The Biggest Loser contest will be sponsored by Inn Sports. They will take over the event. The fair has set aside Monday of fair week for us at the grandstand. There will also be tents available for us at the fair. Summer Festival wants to have a Community Dance. Summer Festival will also have a Historical Ag Village display.

An Events subcommittee will be held next week, Wednesday, 2/3 at 5:30pm.

Moved (Voeks, second by Tilmann) and approved that we charge \$5 for the commemorative mugs. Steve will have a cart that will sell commemorative items.

White will agree to check out the possibility of having a PayPal button on the website.

*Historical representation:* Discussion of Roby's co-chairmanship but failure to attend meetings. It was discussed whether or not we should have an attendance policy. It was decided to put it on the next agenda.

*Schools:* Brandell reported that 4300 Friday folders flyers were delivered to the schools in the county. The children's photo book is completed. The video is still in process. The Founder's Day subcommittee has received 90 art contest submissions.

*Publicity:* Invitations to Founder's Day have been sent out. Sanders reported she met with the Morning Sun and the meeting was encouraging. The paper will have a spread on the art contest and other items. The tribe had distributed information via their email blast. The Chamber of Commerce distributed 1,100 flyers. Sign Fab will pay to have a large banner produced for the Founder's Day with our logo and the logos of supporting companies. Bill Peterson coordinated the posting of Founder's Day posters around the county. Students and other volunteers placed the posters.

Vision Mid-Michigan is a sponsor. Anderson mentioned some frustration with the website. Granholm's office is considering the date for a visit.

Voeks gave an update on the wagons. Al Papendick is going to take the idea of making wagons to the Industrial Education Club at CMU. If we supply materials they might be able to make the wagons. 20-40 wagons would be a good number.

*Treasurer's report:* Voeks introduced a Balance Sheet that he said appeared this month. According to this Balance Sheet the committee has approximately \$5,000. Voeks said he has a call into Susan to try and explain the Balance Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy J. White