

Isabella County  
Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes: February 25, 2009

Members present: L. Anderson, M. Brandell, B. Denslow, M. Lapham, F. Lichtman, N. Sanders, S. Tilmann, K. Voeks, N. White, R. Young, R. Shepard (Intern)

Motion by Keith Voeks, seconded by Bob Denslow to accept January 28, 2009 minutes. Approved.

Founder's day: Responses are very positive. People want to see more exhibits. A thank-you ad appeared in Morning Sun for businesses that made donations. Mary Ellen will send a personal thank you to businesses that donated food and drinks. Keith will arrange with Les Van Wormer to re-record song for better quality.

Motion by Nancy White, seconded by Sharon Tilmann to approve payment of \$120 for the February 25, thank you ad in the Morning Sun. Approved.

Historical Representation: Bob expressed concern regarding this sub-committee. Need to recruit new members and do some brainstorming.

Mobile Museum is scheduled for week of August 9-19.

Schools: Students who did posters will receive a certificate along with a pass to Morey Courts. Coloring book will be ready Monday. Members of this committee will get a copy.

Event Planning/Time Capsule: Discussion: Are all events on proposed event list appropriate? Are they of historical significance? How do they tie in to Sesquicentennial? We hope to celebrate with historical and fun events.

David Ling and John Haupt have brought up possibility of pig roast at Haupt's farm with tour of a working farm & could include beer tent, hot dog contest & old fashioned races. Need to make contact with MSU Extension & Ag Reserve Board to coordinate similar events. David said he will coordinate; John said he will donate a pig.

Motion made by Frances Lichtman to delete Biggest Loser Contest from event list, seconded by Mary Ellen Brandell. Split vote. Motion tabled until next meeting when Steve may be able to answer questions.

A group is working on a new event (possibly call it Sacred Heritage) to get local congregations involved.

Dance committee would like to tie in dance event with ice cream social. Historically, called a 'Play Party,' dances were events that tied the community together. Included picnic, games, ice cream & whole families. Possible date: July 26, 2009.

Steve will act as liaison between us & Fairboard. Bob will be alternate.

**Fundraising: Discussion: Do we need a development person?**

**Website:** Needs to be more organized and user friendly. Merchandise needs better presentation. Frances will get with county web-site person to see what can be done.

**Gun Raffle:** Persons not on this committee can also sell raffle tickets as long as we keep track of tickets & money.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$5373.97 is in our account. \$1500 is earmarked for video. \$800 is being donated for coloring book.

**Intern Report:** Robyn asked approval to use Sesquicentennial as subject for class project, allowing her to combine internship & class. Motion made by Frances Lichtman to grant approval to Robyn, seconded by Margaret Lapham. Approved.

Soaring Eagle Resort is no longer an option for the Sesquicentennial Ball. Sub-committee will meet to start planning.

Old Shepherd Rd. hospital may be available for 18 and over Haunted House for fundraiser. Discussion: Building may require too much work. Alternative may be to coordinate with Papa's Pumpkin Patch. School-age kids already have nice Halloween arrangement on CMU campus.

Judy Walsh would like to offer Great-Grandfather Pickard's historical collection for display. Bob will follow up.

**Attendance Policy:** David Ling will look into matter of committee members who are not participating. We can name new chair for historical sub-committee. David Ling can appoint new members to this committee.

**Parade & Float:** Discussion: Date, location, fireworks, cost, work involved. Do we need our own parade or should we just build a float to enter in area parades already scheduled? Sesquicentennial parade is meant as a culmination of the August, week-long events, to be followed, at night, by fireworks or laser light show.

**New Business:** Keith will speak at 3-18-09 Council of Governments to encourage township involvement. Give deadline of one month for participation.

Shepherd Maple Festival is approaching. We'll need volunteer schedule for selling raffle tickets & Sesquicentennial items.

Work session for event sub-committee, March 11, 09, 5:30.

Next meeting: March 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Lapham, Secretary