

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes

February 27, 2008

Members present: L. Anderson, C. Alwood, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, D. Hoff-Grambau, M. Lux, T. Prout, S. Sponseller, R. Young. Guests Kathy Beebe, Jack Westbrook, Connie Henze and Sandy Methner-Moore.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008.

Steve Davidson distributed copies of the Event List to committee members. Further discussion will be done under the sub-committee reports.

Christine announced the resignation of Gayle Alberda from the committee. Discussion followed on how to fill this position. Kathy Beebe was asked to become a part of the committee and will be filling out the application form to be presented to the County Commissioners. It was agreed by the committee as a whole that replacements should be posted to the public as well through the website and the applicant chosen would be appointed by the County Commission.

The committee discussed whether there should be an absence policy as we have some members that have been missing meetings. Christine will check on what the policy is with other committees under the County Commission and report it at the next meeting.

Jack Westbrook was asked to attend and explain a few details regarding the book he is publishing on the county. Jack explained that the book is his and will be copyrighted under his name and he will be acknowledging the source of his photos which have come in large part from the Clark Historical Library. The book will be coming out in November 2008 just before the Christmas holidays. Jack explained that the committee will place an order to the publisher for whatever quantity they want and will resell them for \$19.95 each. The profit to the committee will be about \$10.00/book depending on the quantity purchased. The committee will have to discuss sales tax concerns with the county administrator.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Historical- Donna reviewed the report from the history sub-committee. An idea for a historical cookbook had been presented for consideration. Letters had been sent to townships for event ideas and requests for volunteers. Follow up calls will be made. Jack Anson will be asked to chair the oral history project. Walking and driving tours are still being discussed as well as an art show done as a joint effort with Art Reach called "Art of Our Ancestors". Other ideas include historic gardens at the county parks and a possible historic fashion show.

Event Planning- Steve and Minde went through the list of events and locations for them. Committee members expressed concern that they did not realize the list that had been voted on January 9th was the entire list and not just the finale weekend. Minde and Steve said that other events could be added to this list, but if so, some items would have to come off. Opening ceremonies would take place at Kelly Shorts Stadium with speakers, school bands and the laser light show. Saturday events would be primarily at the county fairgrounds with some exceptions.

Sunday would include a pancake breakfast, chicken dinner, car show, parade in Mt. Pleasant and a performance with the community band. Sherry will talk to the Broadway Players about doing a melodrama during that weekend. The event sub-committee would like to have the

events determined at the next meeting so that a brochure can be ready for distribution at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival.

Schools -Mary Ellen has talked to Jim Wojcik about getting help from CMU students to assist with the school project. She has also prepared the letter that can be sent to the schools to introduce the project to them.

Time Capsule - No report

Minde showed two samples of letterhead that had been designed. The committee moved and seconded to use the sample without all of the committee members names on the side and also asked that the website be put on the letterhead below the tag line of "Celebrate Diversity".

Steve Davidson reported on the logo. He has been working with Mr. Nitschke to refine the logo so that it can be used for shirts. Steve has been working with a supplier for the shirts and had run into a problem with the crispness of the design. Steve and Minde would like to get it resolved in order to have shirts available for sale at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival in April.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Wed. March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary