

**Isabella County  
Sesquicentennial Steering Committee**

**Minutes: March 25, 2009**

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

**Motion by Keith Voeks and seconded by Rich Young to accept the minutes of March 25, 2009.  
Approved.**

**Historical Representation/Oral History: No report**

**Schools: Most activity & coloring books have been delivered to schools. Video can't be completed until song is re-recorded by Les VanWormer. A packet with activities and song script will go with video. Certificates and Morey passes are not sent out yet. Mary Ellen brought copies of activity book for committee members.**

**Event Planning/Time Capsule: The time capsule will take two weeks to arrive after ordering. We will collect items to go into capsule and then determine the size needed. Possibly bury inside cupula. Frances will check with Historical Society regarding the cupula site and also see if the fixture in the entry of county bldg. is a possibility.**

**Biggest Loser: Discussion – Concerns for it not to be a body show. Keep focus on health. Postpone voting till we get more info. Tough Man/Tough Woman contest usually involves weightlifting. Weightlifting is historical, going back into 1800's. Perhaps re-name.**

**Lincoln Township is hosting an ice cream social in May. Mary Ellen will get more info.**

**Review of events list. Who's doing what, when & where. The following events were discussed at some length. Some events are clustered such as Car Show, Pig Gig, Beer Tent Motorcycle Show & Engineering tent. Since this cluster is a day before the fair we will need portable toilets. Steve will be meeting with fairboard & will make arrangements.**

**Our Sacred Heritage: Marjie Williams is chair of this sub-committee. It is hoped all churches will participate with events & activities in their own congregations.**

**Judy - Report of Tribal Events: Open now - August 8 at Ziibiwing Center, is Artistic Expressions of Great Lakes Indians, showcasing artifacts from private collections, which have never been publicly viewed since in use.**

**May 12, Anishinabe Performance Circle Presentation will be held at Broadway Theatre, from 6-7 p.m., followed by reception with refreshments and opportunity to interact with dancers. Event is free to public.**

**July dance performances at the Ziibiwing Center, are free & open to public, & will take place at noon, 2, & 4 p.m. July 4 will feature Men's & Women's American Traditional Dance. July 11 – Men's Grass/Women's Jingle. July 18 – Men's Fancy Feather/Women's Fancy Shawl. July 25 – Social & Hoop Dancing.**

Native Fest at Ziibiwing Center begins August 5, with Historic Car Bingo, \$10/person, for 18 & over. August 6, Music/Comedy Night with refreshments, free & open to public. August 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Silk Appliqué Ribbonwork Collection Showing, free & open to public.

Sharon – dance report: Planners will meet tomorrow 3-26-09. Swing, sock-hop & square dance events - June 25, Ice Cream Social, family event with old-fashioned games.

WCZY wants to sponsor a Teen Idol contest, Monday night, August 10, in grandstand. University Events will produce it, providing stage, sound & lights. Discussion. Will bump Laser Light Show. Motion by Margaret Lapham to include Isabella Teen Idol Contest as a Sesquicentennial event, seconded by Sharon Tilmann. Approved.

Parade Committee: Recommends adding to existing parade. September 19, Mardi Gras seems best possibility. Would like fireworks with parade. Discussion.

Drive In Movie: Sponsored by CMU, probably at Lot 33, good location for sitting on grass or watching from cars. Will be a family movie. Let Keith know your movie suggestions.

Fireworks: Discussion of when & where. Possible locations are the Fairgrounds, Tribal property or Pickens Field. With parade? or closing night of main events week in August?

Guest, Paul Gross: Nottawa Township will host an event at Nottawa Twp. Park, in Beal City, with variety of activities, for whole county. They want it to be a Sesquicentennial event. Discussion: possibly have old farm machine displays, picnic, pig roast, Weber lumber display, old-fashioned games. Motion by Frances Lichtman, to include July 11, Nottawa Township event as a Sesquicentennial event, seconded by Sharon Tilmann. Approved.

Publicity/Communication: No report

Fundraising: Volunteer sheet is being passed around to work sales during Shepherd Maple Festival.

Website: Rich will work with Nicole to get necessary information to Joel for improvement and updating of web-site.

Ball: Comfort Inn is only place big enough for the expected turnout. Event will be held New Year's Eve. It will be formal with orchestra. Cost \$75.00 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner & 2 drinks.

Treasurer's Report: \$7354.70 in account. The increase is from sales.

Intern Report: This committee needs e-mail address & better web-links & better profile. Robyn presented her ideas and is willing to work on this. Committee gave go-ahead.

Next meeting April 29 - 5:30

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Lapham, Secretary