

Sesquicentennial Committee Steering Committee

Minutes

May 30, 2007

The first meeting of the Isabella County Sesquicentennial Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the County Building. Mr. David Ling, Isabella County commissioner, charged the Steering Committee with creating the 2009 celebration of the county's sesquicentennial.

Members of the committee introduced themselves and told why they were interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Ling explained that the commissioners had set aside an initial amount of \$5000 for the project with the hope that there would be corporate sponsors and various money making projects.

Christy Cotter, Administrative Assistant, at the county will be the contact person and will handle the correspondence.

Christine Alwood was elected as chairperson of the committee with Sherry Sponseller to act as secretary of the committee.

The committee agreed to meet initially every two weeks with the first meeting set for June 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the County Building and the following meeting for June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Initial ideas of who would be included in the celebration were: Mt. Pleasant Area Historical Society, township governments, villages of Isabella County, Chippewa Indian Tribe, the oil industry, lumbering, major industries and Isabella County Genealogy Society.

Suggestions for publicity were the Shepherd Argus and the Morning Sun.

As the committee formulates ideas, sub-committees will be formed and a few names of people that could help were given. They included Hudson Keenan, Jack Westbrook and John Cummings.

It was suggested that a poster contest among school children in the county would be a good idea to start promoting the celebration.

The agenda for the next meeting will include a brainstorming session. The committee was asked to gather ideas from the community as to venues for the celebration and what they would like to see highlighted. Committee members should bring photos, books, etc. to the next meeting for ideas.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary

