

Sesquicentennial Committee Steering Committee

Minutes

June 12, 2007

Members Present: C. Alwood, L. Anderson, M. Brandell, D. Hoff-Grambau, C. Lapham, M. Lapham, T. Prout and S. Sponseller

Chairperson Christine Alwood welcomed everyone and announced the names of two additional members that will be joining the committee. They are Steve Davidson and Gayle-Ann Alberda.

The minutes of the May 30 meeting were approved with the addition of the Old Settlers Assn. to be included as possible participants. Motion to approve was made by Mary Ellen Brandell with a second from Donna Hoff-Grambau.

Chairperson Alwood reviewed a little of the history of Isabella County as to the dates of organization being February 11, 1859 with the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 1859. It was suggested that we look at late July or early August for the sesquicentennial celebration to be held. Since the Isabella County fair is held the first week of August, perhaps the celebration could follow it. Chairperson Alwood will bring a 2009 calendar to the next meeting.

A brainstorming session followed with ideas for sub-committees and which sub-committee the members would like to help with.

Sub-Committees:

1. Event Planning: M. Brandell
Venues
2. Fundraising: M. Lux, C. Lapham, M. Lapham
3. Oral History: T. Prout
Schools
Community
4. Publicity:
Township Representatives: C. Lapham
Speakers List: M. Brandell, D. Hoff-Grambau
Website with Updates
Logo/Theme: D. Grambau
Materials: L. Anderson
Newspaper Media: S.Sponseller
5. Treasurer

Other ideas that were mentioned by members:

2059 Time Capsule –C. Alwood

Float to appear throughout the year in various community parades.

Sesquicentennial Queen to be chosen.

2009 Calendar of events showing by month what events will be taking place.

Identifying important people of Isabella County Past & Present.

Identify Centennial homes and farms.

The next meeting will be held on June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the County Building. The committee will welcome the new members, review a 2009 calendar, and will review the brochure for the Shepherd Sesquicentennial.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary