

Sesquicentennial Committee Steering Committee

Minutes

June 26, 2007

Members Present: C. Alwood, M. Brandell, D. Hoff-Grambau, H. Hills, M. Lapham, C. Lapham, T. Prout, N. White and S. Sponseller

Chairperson Christine Alwood called the meeting to order and announced that another person will be joining the steering committee to represent the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Her name is Judy Pamp.

Times and dates of the next two meetings were set for Wed. July 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Alwood gave Nancy White the information for the sub-committees developed at the last meeting. Nancy will put them together in a flow chart and have it ready for the next meeting.

Chairperson gave each of the committee members a calendar for 2009 and the committee agreed on August 9-16, 2009 as the dates for the sesquicentennial celebration.

Ideas were discussed on how to choose a sesquicentennial queen and princesses to represent the celebration in parades prior to the actual celebration. Grand marshals could be chosen from the county based possibly on their family history as having ancestors from Isabella County. Suggestions could come from the townships.

Nancy White and Donna Hoff-Grambau will work on design ideas for a logo.

Herb Hills would like to take part with the oral history of the county.

Additional suggestions of names to participate in the event planning were named. They include: Mary Ellen Brandell, Christine Alwood, Joe K. of the Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, Jack Anson, Kathy Beebe, Gayle-Ann Alberda, George Green, John Haupt, Donna Hoff-Grambau and Sue Ann Kopfemeyer.

Also, additional names were added to the list for oral history. They include Herb Hills, Donna Hoff-Grambau, John Cummings, Hudson Keenan and Sherry Sponseller.

Ideas of possible corporate sponsors were given. They include Isabella Bank & Trust, First Bank, National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Chemical Bank, Isabella Community Credit Union, Fabiano Bros., Labelle Mgt., CMCH, Mid-Michigan Community College, Morey Foundation, Mid-Michigan Health Park and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Schools to be included are Mt. Pleasant, Montabella, Beal City, Shepherd, Chippewa Hills, Sacred Heart, Oasis, Renaissance Academy and the Baptist Academy. The committee will explore possible grants to create a power point presentation on the history of Isabella county history that can be used in the schools and with civic organizations.

Publicity to the townships of the ongoing events surrounding the sesquicentennial will be handled by Clair and Margaret Lapham and Christine Alwood.

The next meeting will include populating the sub-committees. The committee will try to find interested persons so that all of the townships will have representation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary

