

## Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

### Minutes

July 11, 2007

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

Chairperson, Christine Alwood introduced the newest member of the committee, Gayle-Ann Alberda and the committee members each introduced themselves to her and told why they had been interested in serving on the committee.

Chairperson Alwood clarified the county's procedure for paying mileage to committee members. Rather than paying a rate per mile, a per diem of \$10.00 per meeting will be paid and this will only be for the steering committee members. Minde Lux suggested that committee members could accept the per diem and then donate it back to the committee to be used for expenses. Several members said they were inclined to do this.

Minutes of the June 26, 2007 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by T. Prout and seconded by L. Anderson.

The next steering committee meeting will be on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. and the following meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Roger Trudell had given Chairperson Alwood several of the brochures for the Shepherd Sesquicentennial for the committee to review. Chairperson Alwood will check with other counties to see what has been done for sesquicentennial celebrations to gather some ideas.

The committee agreed that there will be a need for staff assistance by the first of 2008. The steering committee discussed ideas including interns. A budget for the sesquicentennial committee will need to be made and presented to the county commissioners which would include this staff assistance.

Discussion took place on ideas for grants for the committee. Two suggestions were made which included the Historical Society of Michigan and the Y.A.K. group of the Community Foundation. D. Hoff-Grambau will check on the Historical Society of Michigan and M. Brandell will get an application form for the Community Foundation. The source of funds for preparing a power point presentation of local history for school children could be from one of these grants.

The committee agreed that the involvement of Frank Bolles of the Clark Library at Central Michigan University would be very important. Perhaps students could help with researching items that the Clark Library has on Isabella County history.

The list of sub-committees was reviewed again. Minde Lux agreed to chair the fundraising committee. She has lists that were used in the hospital capital campaign for community support. Donna Hoff-Grambau reminded that small business owners of the county should not be left out.

George Green and John Haupt, county commissioners would like to chair the beer tent and Donna Hoff-Grambau would like to chair "Art of our Ancestors". The committee discussed the need for co-chairs of the publicity committee since it will be a very large part of the celebration.

Chairperson Alwood has suggested that the time capsule could be placed in the area near the cupola of the old court house which is being relocated back to county property this summer. The cupola can be used to highlight the county history during the celebration.

Other ideas for the celebration included a quilt show and rotating displays in empty store fronts.

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller