

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes

August 8, 2007

Members present: C. Alwood, D. Hoff-Grambau, C. Lapham, M. Lapham, J. Pamp, T. Prout and S. Sponseller

Minutes of the July 11, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

Chairperson, Christine Alwood introduced the newest member of the committee, Judy Pamp who is the assistant director at the Ziibiwing Center. Members of the committee introduced themselves to Judy.

Chairperson Alwood announced that she had contacted the Chamber of Commerce and they would like to wait until another director had been found before having someone join the Sesquicentennial Committee.

Chairperson Alwood had met with representatives of the Morning Sun and had been assured that the paper would be supportive of the event and gave copies of examples of recent events held in Alma and St. Louis. These copies were shared with members of the committee.

Chairperson Alwood has received a copy of the grant application for the Community Foundation. Any grants that will be written must be approved by the county board of commissioners before submission. The committee will need to do some research on costs for preparing a power point presentation for the schools of Isabella County before any grant application could be filled out.

Judy Pamp discussed various ideas that could be used for participation by the tribe such as oral histories, the powwow celebration and the museum itself.

Another idea that the committee will explore is the Michigan Storytelling Festival. Committee member, Donna Hoff-Grambau, has contacts for this and will investigate further.

Clair Lapham suggested that the committee set up a calendar of events and then determine how much these events will cost before starting the fundraising. Corporate sponsors may be more willing to sponsor an individual event when they know the cost involved.

Members are asked to submit ideas for events. The sub-committees will then take these ideas and review them.

It was suggested that events could take place at the fairground in some of the buildings. One idea was "Heritage Days" where local crafts such as basket making, weaving, quilting, spinning, blacksmithing, etc. could be showcased.

Another idea for an event was a Civil War reenactment that could be held at one of the county parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary