

## Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

### Minutes

August 23, 2007

Members present: C. Alwood, L. Anderson, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, D. Hoff-Grambau, M. Lux, T. Prout, Nancy White and S.Sponseller. Guest Mike Marsh of Isabella County Parks Dept.

Minutes of August 8, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Members of the Steering Committee were introduced to Steve Davidson, newest member of the Steering Committee.

1. Event Planning – Steve Davidson agreed to chair this committee. Various ideas were presented for events: Civil War reenactments at a county park, laser light show instead of fireworks, old time baseball game, parades with kings and queens from high schools, representatives from each township in parade, and musical groups like barbershop quartets and the community band.
2. Publicity – Looking for a chairperson for this.
3. Time Capsule – Christine Alwood
4. Fundraising – Minde Lux will chair this committee. She has approached Fabianos for sponsorship of the beer tent. They will try to get the Clydesdale horses for the celebration. Minde will also contact Chippewa Beverage to sponsor another event.
5. Calendars – The Committee will explore creating a calendar for the year of 2009 with historical pictures. The various newspapers can be used to request pictures from the community to be scanned.
6. Schools – Mary Ellen Brandell will be getting the names of the various principals once school has started. She has learned that Michigan history is taught in the fourth grade. She and Christine will apply for a Community Foundation grant to create a power point presentation for this project which can also be used to show at local service clubs.

Dates for the next two meetings were scheduled. Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept.24 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller