

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes: August 27, 2008

Members present: C. Alwood, L. Anderson, K. Beebe, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, B. Denslow, C. Lapham, M. Lapham, S. Tilmann, N. White, R. Young, R. Shepard (Intern)

Welcome to new member Sharon Tilmann and introductions.

Approval of August 12, 2008 minutes postponed until next meeting.

Historical Representation/Oral History: Sub-committee met and updated its members. Moving Museum is a priority, need to collect items for display. Van should be available after Labor Day from Mayflower Moving. Discussion: how to display items, themes, safety of items during moves, security, storage.

Sub-Committee & Historical Society events: Tea, Historical Fashion Show, Cemetery Walk, Historical Gardens Walk, Oral History, Art of Our Ancestors (perhaps in moving museum), First Families (during August event week), Authors of Isabella County (Founder's Day), Books about Isabella County (Founder's Day), Dedication of Cupula (Founder's Day)

Bob & Loren will look into wagon designs/styles for possible fundraiser.

Schools: Nancy showed clips from her Power Point presentation for middle schools.

Some of the pictures are drawn for the 3rd grade book; activities are taking longer. Hope to be ready next month and start to schedule going into the schools.

Event Planning/Time Capsule: Christine was informed that the previous time capsule was meant to be opened one hundred years after. We will be sure the encapsulation and open dates are on the Sesquicentennial time capsule and documented elsewhere. Consensus is to bury time capsule by the cupula and use a file-box size capsule. Ask for items from each township and village. Motion by Nancy White to have the opening of the Sesquicentennial Time Capsule 100 years after it is encapsulated. Seconded by Clair Lapham. Approved.

Mary Ellen is communicating with P.R. Central in hopes of getting student help for Founder's Day. Students who need to do service work may be available to help from small group communication class at CMU. The instructor is interested in Morey Foundation talent show video.

All meeting rooms in the County Building are available for our use for February 11, opening ceremonies. If necessary we may be able to use some rooms at courthouse. Can we get veterans involved?

Jack Westbrook has designed a coin which Isabella Bank may fund to possibly give to first thousand attendees on Founder's Day.

Mary Ellen is looking for sponsorship for I. A. Fancher Award and hopes for Clarke Library involvement.

Fair Date: Christine & Steve will meet with Fair Board regarding the fair date, our options and space needs.

Beard Contest: 12 persons participated in the shaving Aug. 16th, and we have 2 more entrants. Woody from Woody's Barber Shop will shave and take pictures of new contestants. Information is on web-site.

Events committee meeting September 17, 6:00 p.m.

Publicity/Communication: Kathy set up 2 radio station interviews. Christine did one; Nancy & Keith did the other.

Kathy will see about getting photos for beard contest in paper. Rick will put on the web-site with information how to still enter.

Kathy has a PhD student from CMU helping with newspaper insert. Rick Mills agreed to be a contributing editor.

Fundraising: Committee meeting Sept. 17, at 5:00 p.m. The gun is paid off. Steve is getting info on throw blankets for a fundraiser, in addition to quotes for water bottles & coffee mugs.

Website: List is updated with new members.

Treasurer's Report: Keith e-mailed to members.

Gun Raffle: Steve is checking to see if we may be able to sell tickets at an event for hunting guides at the Soaring Eagle Resort.

Avenue Banners: Vinyl banners will be more affordable. Motion by Nancy White and seconded by Sharon Tilmann to set price of small one-sided banner at \$40. Approved.

Next Meeting: September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Lapham,