

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes: September 24, 2008

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

It was moved by Bob Denslow and seconded by Sharon Tilmann to accept minutes of August 27, 2008 with correction of Rich's name on second page under Publicity/Communication.

Historical Representation/Oral History: Morey Foundation will sponsor a poster contest and calendar.

Mary Ellen is getting estimates for a 12-15 minute video, which will include portions of Jack Westbrook's Power point with oral histories. Video will be shown at Morey Foundation Annual Talent Show. Proceeds from video and calendar sales will go to Clarke Historical Library to fund annual John Cumming Historical Award.

Founders Day Exhibits: Clarke Library will prepare an exhibit. Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Mt. Pleasant Historical Society, Shepherd Historical Society, Isabella County departments will be asked also. Rooms are reserved in County Building.

Local business will be asked to sponsor Founders Day Program Book.

Jack Anson & Tammy Prout are contacting individuals for oral histories.

Schools: Teachers in K – 4 will be provided historical photos with captions. 3rd grade coloring book is progressing. Power Point presentation will be available for grades 5-8. Jack Westbrook will do Power Point for grades 9-12, as invited. Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation will be asked to fund K – 4 photos, also T- shirts for Founders Day high school & CMU volunteers.

Event Planning/Time Capsule: Sesquicentennial Celebration date will be same as fair date, August 9-16, at fairgrounds.

Steve handed out updated event/sponsors list. Committee members are asked to try & get sponsors to complete list. Bandit industries may donate \$2500 for an event.

Time Capsule: Catalogues are coming from 2 companies. Barry Funeral Home will donate marble marker & engraving.

Avenue Banners: Steve met with MDOT regarding banners along Mission. Need to file permit through city and state. Hope to hang banners in February around county building.

Parade: MDOT is not opposed to use of Mission for parade route August 15 or 16. Must go through permit process. They are willing to work with us on traffic control. Tentative route: starting at Mt. Pleasant High School to Mission Rd. to Broadway to Island Park. Keith will go to high school for permission to use parking lots. Mt. Pleasant Public Works Director may consider waiving city's fees.

Sharon will contact dance studios for square dance event. Keith will help. Sharon will also look into farm tour.

Drive in theatre: Tentative cost for screen rental & set-up, maybe \$2500. Keith & Robyn will look around CMU for good location with parking & grassy area.

Ball: Room is reserved for 2-14-09 at Soaring Eagle. Steve will get meal prices after October 1st as that is when prices are updated. Print Tech will donate tickets. Central Michigan Community Band may play dinner music. Keith may emcee.

Publicity/Communication: Christine will ask Kathy to give an e-mail update and see about getting beard shaving photos in paper.

Fundraising: Rich has samples of throw blanket and commemorative plate. Our cost on the blanket \$24 - \$26, depending on quantity ordered. Motion by Clair Lapham to order 50 throw blankets at cost \$1250 to sell at \$40 each, seconded by Keith Voeks. Approved. Rich will see if we can display fundraising items in a display case at county building.

Steve would like to get coffee mugs and water bottles ordered for fundraising.

Steve will see if we can sell rifle tickets at Whitetails Unlimited event.

Loren reports there are not very many book orders yet.

Bob passed around photos of old style kids wagons for each of us to mark our choice.

Website: Beard contest pictures are posted. Rich will post picture of throw blanket and price and will get Founders Day & Ball dates on website.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 9-23-08 is \$4280.04. County has made commitment of another \$5000 for this committee as of fiscal year starting October 1, 2008.

Intern Report: Robyn has a helper to work on the 3rd grade coloring book. She has been looking into haunted trails event. Will have regular office hours, Thursdays 10am – 1pm.

Isabella County Parks & Recreation plans to use our logo in the design for their annual park sticker next year.

Judy suggested holding one of our meetings at the Ziibwing Center.

Meeting change: November meeting from night before Thanksgiving to Tuesday, November 25th.

We are on the agenda for County Board of Commissioners meeting Oct. 7, at 3:00, to give an update. Members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Lapham, Secretary