

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes: October 22, 2008

Members present: C. Alwood, L. Anderson, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, B. Denslow, C. Lapham, M. Lapham, S. Tilmann, K. Voeks, N. White, R. Young,

Guests: Nicole Sanders

Motion by Nancy White, seconded by Rich Young to accept minutes of 8-12-08. Approved.

Motion by Bob Denslow, seconded by Loren Anderson to accept minutes of 9-24-08. Approved.

Historical Representation/Oral History: Bob showed blueprint of Tiny Tot wagon for fundraiser. Keith will check with Mt. Pleasant Tech Center about building them. Discussion: Size, decoration by area artists incorporating some historical aspects, & quantity, 20-25 perhaps.

Tammy Prout, Jack Anson & Sherry Sponseller have begun Oral History Project.

Schools: 15 sets of pictures with stories, activities & carrying case are in progress for K – 4th grade. A letter is ready to go to school principals now and a follow-up letter will be sent. Hope to bring draft of 3rd grade coloring book to next meeting. Nancy's power point will be used for 5, 6 & 7 & 8th grades. Morey Foundation will sponsor art contest/calendar for schools. We will market the calendar.

Event Planning/Time Capsule: Have sponsor for Cricket tournament; will do presentation at one of our meetings. Mt. Pleasant Lions Club may do a chicken Bar-B-Que. Publisher of a new county map may incorporate historical aspects. Paul Gross is supportive of a farm tour or historical display.

CMU Program Board will sponsor drive-in-theatre. Discussion of movie selection, bring suggestions to next meeting.

Discussion of dance event: Performance of dances from various eras. Could be followed by open dance for the public. Could be held at Plachta Auditorium. Sharon & Keith will work together on this.

Ball: Steve scheduled meeting with Event Coordinator. Robyn has group for decorating.

Parade: Keith is putting a committee together. Has contacted MPHS about use of parking lot. Will follow up with MDOT. Date of parade - Sunday, August 16, 2009.

Fireworks & Laser Light Show: Discussion of location, cost & sponsors.

Publicity/Communication: Kathy may step down due to busy schedule. Nicole Sanders maybe able to take over for Kathy.

Fundraising: Blankets should arrive in about 2 weeks. Rich will work on an order form, for all fundraising items, to place throughout county building and at local businesses and events. Sweatshirts are available. Steve is still checking on mugs & water bottles. Need to raise more money before ordering commemorative plates.

Website: "Where is this?" is ready to post on website. Rich will continue to update the website.

Founder's Day, February 11, 2009, 3:00-8:00 p.m.: Displays will be mapped out. There will be a program book. Keith will supply easels for displays. 6 awards will be given for John Cummings Historical Preservation Award. Ganiard School History project, Photo display of one-room school-houses & Old State Rd, are among 15 or so historical exhibits. Plan for 400 attendees. Need donations for refreshments & music. Possibly get local caterers & restaurants to participate.

Book Purchase: Release date is November 10, 2008. Jack will do signing on release date at County building and on Founder's Day, maybe also at coffee shops. We have collected a little over \$1200 from advance sales. Try to get press release with photo of Jack & book. Motion by Steve Davidson to purchase 200 of Jack Westbrook's book at cost of \$2194.10. Seconded by Keith Voeks. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: After ordering blankets and books, our balance is \$481.44. Motion made by Margaret Lapham to forego per diems until revenues increase. Seconded by Mary Ellen Brandell. Approved.

Intern Report: Robyn is ill at this time.

Next meeting: **TUESDAY, November 25, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Lapham, Secretary