

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes

November 13, 2007

Members present: G. Alberda, C. Alwood, L. Anderson, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, D. Hoff-Grambau, M. Lux, C.Lapham, J. Pamp, T. Prout, N. White and S.Sponseller. Guests: Rich Young, David Ling, Lisa Satayut, and Phil Wagoner.

Guests were introduced to the committee.

Minutes of the October 24 meeting were approved with corrections.

Christine Alwood handed committee members copies of a statement that she had prepared to give to the county commissioners regarding the logo and any resemblance of it to plant material as being completely accidental. Commissioner David Ling addressed the committee and acknowledged the hard work that had been done by the committee in preparing the design. He expressed an apology for any trivializing that had taken place at the commission meeting. He explained to the committee that the commissioners wanted to know what the logo really represented and felt that the current design did not express what the intent was. Further suggestions were made regarding the logo. A motion was made and seconded that Gayle-Ann Alberda will ask her government students to brainstorm and give the committee some other ideas. They will be presented at the November 27th meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Historical- Donna reviewed various items of the historical committee which had just met prior to the Sesquicentennial Committee. Various printed media will be contacted to see how much coverage they will be willing to give us for historical items. The timeline of history will be focused in 50 year segments. A media release has been prepared to request copies of pictures from the residents of the county for use in the sesquicentennial.

Event Planning- The Council of Government meeting has been rescheduled for January 16th where the Sesquicentennial Committee will present information to the various township officials and ask for their help in determining what events they would like to have in their township.

Publicity- Rich Young of the county, has a link from the county website to the official sesquicentennial website which is www.isabellacounty.org/150years. Committee member's names and contact information will be posted there. Committee minutes will be posted as well as upcoming information as it become available.

Time Capsule-No report for now.

Fundraising- Minde has moved forward with the fundraising and has received some firm commitments already by corporate sponsors.

Schools-Mary Ellen is working to get some grant money to produce the PowerPoint program for the schools. Jack Anson and Bob Janson will work with Mary Ellen and the retired school personnel.

Steve Davidson reported that he has filed for the 501c-3 status for the committee. Christine and Steve will talk with the county administrator about fronting some money to the committee for the filing fees.

The post office box has been set up. The official address for the Sesquicentennial Committee is P.O. Box 1492, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-1492. Box keys were given to Gayle-Ann and Sherry.

Steve also reported back on the bank information that he had received from local banks. A motion was made by Minde Lux and seconded to use Isabella Bank & Trust as they had given the best rates.

The next meetings are scheduled for-

November 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. and December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary