

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

Minutes

December 12, 2007

Members present: C. Alwood, L. Anderson, M. Brandell, S. Davidson, D. Hoff-Grambau, C.Lapham, M. Lapham, T. Prout, N. White and S.Sponseller. Guests: Rich Young

Rich Young took a picture of committee members to be used on the website.

Minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved.

Christine Alwood asked the committee for a moment of silence for the passing of Herb Hills, one of the committee members who had been active in political areas of Isabella County for most of his lifetime.

Logo ideas from Gayle Alberda's class were submitted to the committee as well as a logo designed by a local artist, Mr. Earl Nitschke. After considerable discussion, the design of Mr. Nitschke, a rendition of the old Isabella County Courthouse was chosen. A motion by M. Lapham and a second by C. Lapham was made to use this logo. A call will be made to Mr. Nitschke about whether there is any cost involved to the committee and what rights he will give the committee. Christine will take this to the county commissioners at their next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Historical- Jack Westbrook will be invited to attend this sub-committee meeting as he is working on the book for the county history in pictures. The Old Settlers have 2 quilts that can be displayed during the sesquicentennial. Also, a copy of the Vol. 1 of the Old Settlers history will be emailed to committee members. No word on grant money availability from the Community Foundation as yet. Oral histories will be discussed at length at the next committee meeting.

Christine announced that she would be doing a live broadcast on December 17 and would again ask the community to find pictures to be submitted.

Event Planning- Steve Davidson announced that a list of possible events has been made and was presented to the committee. Minde Lux had spoken to Fabianos about the possibility of getting the Clydesdale horses for the sesquicentennial. C. Lapham made a motion that we put in a request for them due to the difficulty of their schedule. This motion was seconded and approved. The Event Committee will meet after the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting is completed.

Publicity- Rich Young has been working on the website. The committee minutes have been put on it as well as a request for pictures to be submitted. Rich will check on links from both the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau websites. Donna will also have a link from her Genweb site. It was moved and seconded to request that Rich become a formal member of the Sesquicentennial committee to replace Herb Hills. Rich will be a vital part of this committee in the future for getting the word to the public.

Time Capsule-No report for now.

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Fundraising- It was clarified that all funding and monies spent will go through Minde. The application for the 501c-3 status will be underwritten by the county.

Schools-Mary Ellen reported that Central Michigan University showed no interest in working on the PowerPoint presentation. She then contacted Mt. Pleasant High School Voch Tech department about helping out with it. Mr. Jay Rouman, teacher, said that it would be a good project for the students and he, personally would help through the summer to finish it. The Retired Teachers group will help the committee when this project is finished to get it into the classrooms.

The next meeting is scheduled for-

January 9th at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sponseller
Secretary