



**Bicentennial Committee 2008**

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**Portage County Bicentennial Committee**  
**October 8, 2008**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Charlene Badger; **Townships** of Deerfield-Bill Westover, Freedom-Sallie Hubeny, Hiram-Richard Masters & Judy Wilson, Mantua-Mark Hall, Palmyra-Sam Vechter, Randolph-Becky Carter, Ravenna-Wayne Enders, Rootstown–Paul Galido & Shirley Riemenschneider; Windham-Brian Miller; **Villages** of Brady Lake-Jim Hostler, Mogadore-Jamie Cordier, Windham-Kelly Meszaros.

Absent: Cities of Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro and Tallmadge; Townships of Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Edinburg, Franklin and Nelson; Villages of Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua and Sugar Bush Knolls.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the Committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Sept.10, 2008 minutes was moved by Ms. Carter; seconded by Ms. Riemenschneider. Upon verbal vote, motion passed unanimously.

**Finance**

Ms. Carter reported the committee met and approved payment of a bill for \$74.40 to Wizard of Ahs as the 20% commission on our portion of the proceeds for tickets sold for the Bicentennial Night at Progressive Field. The Cleveland Indians check for \$372 had been received and deposited. There was further discussion on spending of surplus funds. Mr. Cheplowitz had further information on a granite timeline monument, but will find prices. Ms. Badger said it had been suggested to donate funds to the Brunch Bunch, as it distributes its funds to many charities throughout the county. Other ideas from the committee can be sent to Mr. Cheplowitz and will be discussed at the next meeting. Possible amount of surplus is between \$10-14,000.



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**Marketing:** Ms. Cordier and Ms. Badger will work on marketing for the Time Capsule. It was suggested a photo be in the paper prior to the event.

**Sponsorships:** Mr. Cheplowitz noted the check from the Cleveland Indians ticket sales had come in, for \$372.

**Committee Reports**

**Birthday Party:** The Birthday party posters were discussed. A list was distributed including some of the people in addition to committee members, who had helped with the Bicentennial and would receive a poster. A list of former committee members was distributed and ideas from the committee were taken. After additional names were added, Mr. Enders moved and Ms. Wilson seconded accepting the list which would include the eight public libraries in the county and 30 political subdivisions, although some committee members will donate theirs to the subdivision. Motion carried.

**Historical Play:** Mr. Cheplowitz saw the play and said it was very well done with songs and humor used to tell our history. The committee icons were incorporated in the set design. There was interaction with the school children, singing and storytelling. It was discussed whether the committee could film the show and use it at other events. Ms. Badger had the contract which stated however, that the producer retains the rights.

**Road Show:** Mr. Westover said the Road Show continues to be popular and was in the KSU parade and Deerfield Apple Butter Festival. He would like pictures taken of all sides of the Road Show. The lumber may be donated back to Maplewood.

**Time Capsule (12/13/2008):** Ms. Riemenschneider reported that she is investigating the method to seal the capsule. She had a letter from Roger Cram about Hiram College providing a letter to the future. Two schools are participating in providing articles. Ms. Carter moved and Ms. Badger seconded writing a check for \$10 for the Rootstown Chamber of Commerce Community Day, to display the capsule. Motion carried. There was discussion on the Dec. 13 event, the historical society and downtown Ravenna



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Christmas parade. Mr. Westover said we might be able to put the Time Capsule on the Road Show and be in the parade. Ms. Carter moved and Mr. Masters seconded having it in the parade, then going to the Historical Society for the sealing ceremony and reception. Motion carried. If we cannot be in the parade, the event will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. Ms. Riemenschneider will check with the parade committee.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coleman Professional Services Sue Hetrick Building, 3922 Lovers Lane (aka Loomis Pkwy), Ravenna.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Badger