



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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Portage County Bicentennial Committee August 8, 2007 *Minutes*

Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Kerry Macomber; **Townships** of Deerfield-Bill Westover, Edinburg- Dick Badger, Franklin-Marilyn Sessions, Freedom–Sallie Hubeny, Hiram-Richard Masters, Palmyra-Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vechter, Randolph-Becky Carter, Ravenna–Wayne Enders, Rootstown–Shirley Riemenschneider and Paul Galido; Shalersville-Deb Mazanec, Suffield-Ginger Sayre and Windham-Brian Miller and Gayle Poots; **Villages** of: Brady Lake-Mayor Lehman, Les Bennett and Jim Hostler, Garrettsville-Teri Eiermann, Mantua-Mayor Hopkins, Mogadore-Jamie Cordier, Sugar Bush Knolls-Jim Beal, Windham-Kelly Meszaros; **Guests:** Ramona Stamm (Kent State University), Sandra Halem (Kent Historical Society)

Excused Absence: Cities of Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro and Tallmadge; Townships of Brimfield, Charlestown and Mantua; Village of Hiram

Unrepresented: Townships of Atwater, Nelson and Paris

Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the group and suggested that after the approval of minutes, the agenda be followed in reverse order.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 11, 2007, minutes was moved by Mr. Vechter; seconded by Mr. Masters. Upon verbal vote, motion passed unanimously.

Events/Activities

Road Show: Mr. Westover reported that eight of the posters are now on vinyl, and he now is finding a way to secure the posters to the display wall. There was discussion about using a plexiglass or a tarp.



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Religious Event: Mr. Miller reported that Hiram may be able to hold 1500 – 2000 at their facility. There was discussion about holding two separate services. Mr. Miller noted that his committee felt there may be interfaith issues because Kent represents many different faiths and the committee feels inclined to keep the service primarily Christian as that was the predominate faith 200 years ago. Ms. Eiermann suggested approaching the service from a historical religious perspective and marketing it as such. It was also suggested that different churches could provide historic information and performances. Ms. Meszaros noted that all Portage County churches should be offered the opportunity to join this event. Mr. Cheplowitz agreed and asked Mr. Miller to develop this event accordingly, consider this event as an educational opportunity, to make a list of all organizations and to draft a letter of invitation. Mr. Enders commented that he believes the actual number in attendance would be closer to 500 not 5000 as suggested and he encouraged Mr. Miller to do more research to determine how the different religions were observed during this time period. Ms. Halem suggested that all religions could be represented by costume and a story that also creates a historic timeline.

Opening Gala: Ms. Mazanec distributed a report updating the plans for the Opening Gala. Her recommendation for flowers is the Window Box Florist in Brimfield and when designs and prices are finalized, she will come back to the Committee for approval. So far, there has been one quote from an orchestra received. Ms. Sessions noted that she will forward to Ms. Mazanec contact information on another local orchestra. Ms. Sessions also informed the Committee that the Record Courier photographers freelance for \$50 per hour. Mr. Cheplowitz requested Ms. Mazanec provide a floor plan for the site. Ms. Mazanec noted she has made several requests for this information and it has not been forthcoming from NEOUCOM.

Memorial Recognition: Ms. Riemenschneider noted that she is looking into the pricing of providing plaques for each community. Shalersville is planning on reenacting a Civil War funeral as part of its ceremony. Night Wind Productions has been in contact regarding producing a DVD of Bicentennial events.

Historical Play: Mr. Cheplowitz reported that Chase Bank has indicated interest in sponsoring this event provided it could be moved around the County to various schools. He will discuss this with Mr. Cram.

Birthday Celebration: Ms. Eiermann reported that it was estimated that 5,000 people would attend. ARARMARK is providing 10 sheet cakes. Mr. Cheplowitz requested a site plan noting lighting, sound, tents, etc.



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Committee Reports

Preview (Cookbook): Ms. Macomber reported that the first draft was received today and this was our opportunity to proofread each recipe. It was agreed by the Committee that the 99.8% accuracy rates as guaranteed by Morris Press Cookbooks would suffice. Cookbooks sell for \$8 each and more details regarding sale locations will follow.

Operations: Mr. Beal provided an updated listing of requests from Committee Chairs.

Merchandising: Ms. Macomber brought in samples provided by the Communications Factory and made the suggestion to select a different color. Ms. Eiermann agreed to create a spread sheet that would allow Committee members to indicate selected merchandise with appropriate sizes.

Historical: Mr. Enders is completing the 20th Century time line and asked communities to send its information via e-mail.

Finance: Ms. Carter reported that there is \$15,795 in available funds. The Finance Committee approved the Use of the Portage County Bicentennial Committee (PCBC) Logo contract. There will be a \$25 fee to non-profit organizations and \$50 fee for profit organizations. Copies of this contract will be sent with minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coleman Professional Services Sue Hetrick Building, 3922 Lovers Lane (aka Loomis Pkwy), Ravenna OH 44266.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Macomber