



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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November 19, 2008

Minutes

Attendance

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

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Charlene Badger; **Townships** of Hiram- Judy Wilson, Mantua-Mark Hall, Palmyra-Sam Vechter, Randolph-Becky Carter, Ravenna-Wayne Enders, Rootstown– Shirley Riemenschneider; Windham-Brian Miller; **Villages** of Brady Lake-Mayor Lehman, Windham-Kelly Meszaros.

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

Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Oct. 8, 2008 minutes was moved by Mr. Enders; seconded by Ms. Wilson. Upon verbal vote, motion carried.

Finance

Ms. Carter reported the committee met and had a basic recap of expenditures such as those for the Time Capsule. We have nine lanterns left from the Bicentennial Birthday Party and Mr. Cheplowitz had suggested that we could give them as a gift to the Park District. Mr. Enders noted that the Historical Society is creating an Indian village outside. Ms. Carter moved, Mr. Lehman seconded to give a gift of the lanterns with four to the Historical Society and five to the Park District. Motion carried.

When all the bills are paid, there is still probably going to be funds left of about \$10,000. There was discussion about the Brunch Bunch, food pantries, and the Historical Society. Mr. Lehman moved and Ms. Carter seconded to check on having a monument recognizing the county Bicentennial on the grounds of the Historical Society. Motion carried.

Marketing

Ms. Carter moved and Ms. Wilson seconded, to place a paid ad in the newspaper about the Time Capsule event. Motion carried. Mr. Lehman moved, Mr. Cheplowitz seconded, having a “Thank You” ad in the newspaper with a general statement and something that could



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be a keepsake for people. Sponsors, political subdivisions, volunteers, Family and Community Services, could be thanked. The design would include the photo of the Bicentennial Birthday party with the fireworks over the court house. Motion carried. Mr. Enders moved, Mr. Lehman seconded, buying the ad on the first Sunday of 2009 and also including the other weekly newspapers. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Historical Play:

Committee members that were able to see the play felt it was excellent. Ms. Badger reported she had many thank you notes written by school children, and had also forwarded copies to the sponsors, Chase Bank and Thompson Electric. It was suggested a thank you letter be sent thanking those that produced the play.

Road Show:

The Road Show will be at the Time Capsule event. Ms. Badger will take individual photographs of each poster, at the end of the year.

Time Capsule (12/13/2008): Ms. Riemenschneider reported that the Time Capsule sealing ceremony will be Saturday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna. Two 8th grade classes have donated items as well as many other donations and items collected by Shirley. Judy Allen, curator of the Kelso House, will help. Guy Perneti, Director of the Historical Society will host. Mr. Cheplowitz will have remarks on the sealing. Chuck Keiper and Guy Perneti will be asked to sing the “Portage Favorite Things” song. Mr. Enders noted that it won’t be necessary for a sound system as the acoustics are good. All political subdivision heads will be invited.

The committee may meet early in 2009 to wrap up the planning for a monument at the Historical Society and to have a budget report, Mr. Cheplowitz said.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Badger