

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APRIL 9, 2007

6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Elizabeth Dunbar
Sid Emmons
Sharon Fellows
Bruce Fredrickson
Maggie Fredrickson
Terry Martin
Ann Padlo
Phil Palen
John Sampson
Bob Schaumleffel
Dixon Stevens
Bill Watkins
Gail Watkins

OTHERS:

Kris Charlesworth, Fairgrounds
Mary Charlesworth, Fairgrounds
Mrs. Emmons
Cheryl O'Keefe

Mr. Emmons was the acting Chairman in Jack Searles absence. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Committee Room located in the County Center in Little Valley. Introductions were made by each committee member. It was noted that there was quorum for the meeting.

Ms. Padlo reported that the "kick off" dinner can not be held at Holiday Valley. Other options will be researched.

NOTE: John Sampson, Cattaraugus County Veterans Services Director, has replaced Michael Stewart.

The meeting consisted of listing all the ideas/suggestions for the Bicentennial celebration. Mr. Emmons explained the weighted voting system. Each item would get a vote ranging from 0 (no interest at all) to 10 (very interested in this suggestion). Each member would assign a "vote" to each idea. All these would be totaled. Doc Stevens suggested to keeping it to the top 12.

These are the ideas/suggestions:

- 1) Major Event @ Fairgrounds
 2007 small booth for PR
 2008 booth
- 2) Veterans Event
- 3) Museum Trails
- 4) 3/11/08 event in Ellicottville to kick-off (start) the bicentennial celebration)
- 5) Tea @ historical site
- 6) Kiosk
- 7) Tours
- 8) Old Chaut Trail 1808-1814
- 9) Equestrian group
- 10) Passport
- 11)
- 12) County Research
- 13) County Quilt
- 14) ASP Festivities

- 15) Postcards
- 16) Speakers – grange day @ fair
- 17) Square Dance
- 18) School project
- 19) Float/Circulating project – BOCES cabin
- 20) Tour of haunted places
- 21) Scavenger Hunt
- 22) Sports event
- 23)
- 24) Ring bell @ 1:00 at all churches
- 25) Special Legislative session
- 26) Wrap up @ Salamanca Falling Leaves Festival
- 27: Underground railroad
- 28) Logo approval
- 29) Schools – 1812 & Revolutionary Soldiers
- 30) Fundraiser – Bicentennial Book
- 31) Who has something over 200 years old contest
- 32) Republish Cattaraugus History
- 33) State plaque – founding of Cattaraugus County

PR Projects

- Get proclamations from all levels of government
- County Legislature Board meetings – history moments
- Happy Birthday banners for each town
- 2008 Santa Claus parade theme
- Website – links for historians and museums

Fundraisers

- Postcards
- Historical sites
- Bicentennial book
- eBay sales
- 50/50 raffle

A suggestion was made for Crystal Abers to send a letter to the Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Council for participation and in put.

Next meeting: April 23, 2007 at the King Memorial Library, 9538 Route 16, Machias, NY 14101

Suggested items for next agenda:

- Chairmen of the committee
- Frequency of the meetings
- Timeframe of the meetings
- Events/activities
- Subcommittees

The meeting adjourned about 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl O'Keefe
Secretary to County Administrator