



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 9, 2007
MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Boser
Mary Elizabeth Dunbar
Sid Emmons, Chairman
Bruce Fredrickson
Maggie Fredrickson
Terry Martin
Laurie McCarthy
Tom Moser
Deb Opferbeck
Evelyn Penman
Bob Schaumleffel
Nancy Sedlak
Bill Watkins
Gail Watkins

OTHERS:

Len Brainard, Little Valley Riders
Sue Dutton, Hinsdale Historical Society
Dianne Emmons, Lyndon
Bonnie Hall, Little Valley Riders & The Crosspatch
Barb Kubiak, Twin Tier Camera Club
Jim Little, Little Valley Riders & The Crosspatch
Ginger Moser
Cheryl O'Keefe, County Administrator's Office
Joan Petzen
Charles Schappacher, Olean
Donna Teuscher, Twin Tier Camera Club
Ron Yehl, Salamanca Historical Society

The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Emmons in the County Building in Olean. Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

A handout packet for those in attendance consisted of: 1) accepted descriptions of Sub-Committees; 2) updated meeting schedule; 3) Salamanca Press article (6/14/07); 4) Salamanca Press article (6/20/07); and 5) Olean Times Herald article (6/30/07)

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A motion was made by Mr. Boser, seconded by Laurie McCarthy to accept the June 18, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Advisory Committee Contact Information:

It was noted that Rigel Johnson and Hannah Reynolds have resigned from the Bicentennial Advisory Committee. Laurie McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Deb Opferbeck to appoint Ginger Moser and Charlie Schappacher to replace them on the Bicentennial Advisory Committee. Accepted unanimously by voice vote. This will be presented to the County Legislative Board for appointment on July 25, 2007.

General Updates:

Ms. O'Keefe reported on the general updates.

~The Bicentennial webpage is close to becoming live.

~Only 4 towns have reserved their week to be highlighted – these need to be in by 7/30

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A - Public Relations Subcommittee

Deb Opferbeck reported that they continue to work with the media for coverage. She distributed posters to those in attendance and requested that each member display in various locations in their communities in hopes that this will encourage interest and participation.

B - Fundraising Subcommittee

Charlie Schappacher has volunteered for this subcommittee. Mrs. McCarthy reported that she has ornament information from the Olean Chamber and will forward this to Ms. O'Keefe. Ms. O'Keefe reported that the T-shirts and sweatshirts have been ordered from Sports Locker and will be ready for selling at the 2007 County Fair. Mrs. McCarthy reminded the Committee of the availability of a table for Farm City Days (August 3 & 4) in front of her store in Olean. A sign-up sheet went around to sell merchandise as well as distribute flyers with Bicentennial information at this event.

C - Events Coordination Subcommittee

Terry Martin stated that there was nothing new at this time to report. Most towns have not responded to the letter that was mailed requesting 1) a list of activities in their community, 2) a week they would like to have their town highlighted and 3) pictures and text for the County History Book. Nancy Sedlak proposed the idea of a pageant. Next meeting a presentation will be given with more details.

D - Community Involvement Subcommittee

Crystal Abers sent a letter. Mrs. Fredrickson will call the historical societies.

E – Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Moser reported that he has received only 1 budget request. He announced that the County Legislature approved \$10,000 for start up/seed money for 2007. He reminded the committee that September 1st is the due date for 2008 budgets. He also urged creativity for funding.

How Other Projects Will Be Handled: - There was discussion as to how to handle those “outside” the Advisory Committee projects. By coming to the Advisory Committee, it gives permission to use the Bicentennial logo and the event/project would be considered a Bicentennial Event. It was suggested that the logo get as much public exposure as possible so it is easily recognized. Suggestions for this were to have it in the center of all press releases and have it on the web.

Town Letter: - This is the letter being sent to all towns, villages and cities informing them of the County's Bicentennial for 2008 and inviting them to participate in the celebration by selecting a week that they would be “highlighted”. This letter was mailed 6/27/07.

PROJECT TEAMS:

Parade: Mrs. McCarthy requested more details/suggestions from the committee. The general consensus was to have the committee ride in the parade, possibly a trolley. Mrs. McCarthy will look into this cost. It was suggested that a plaque be given to those units that participate in the parade. Ms. Sedlak reported that Salamanca is contemplating with the idea of recreating the centennial parade during the Falling Leaves Festival in 2008.

Traveling Exhibit: This project team is reviewing the submitted quotes and will report at the next meeting.

Old Chautauqua Trail: The section of this trail that is in Cattaraugus County is just about complete. Mr. Fredrickson reported that they are in the process of creating maps for self-guided tours.

Circulating Float: Ms. Sedlak reported that Salamanca is meeting Wednesday, July 11th and this is a subject item on the agenda. She will report at the next meeting.

Equestrian Event: Mr. Martin reported that they have decided to combine the youth equestrian event and the stagecoach trail. Their budget will be \$6-7,000 though it has not been submitted to the Finance subcommittee. They are confident that this event will attract tourism to the county. They are working out the details of having winners for a 1 day/1 night experience on the wagon trail. A suggestion for the time capsule was for an item from each town to be picked up by the wagon trail crew. This stagecoach run will start in Ellicottville, the original county seat and end in Little Valley. It is in the process of being mapped out.

St. Bonaventure University: Mrs. Penman reported that a photographic exhibition at Regina A. Quick Center for the arts is scheduled for August 7, 2008 – November 2, 2008 with the opening reception set for August 7th. The photographs will be collected from the University archives, the archives of the Quick Center as well as the County Historical Museum and private lenders. It will be called “For God and County”. She also reported that a history related production is to be announced.

County History: The Twin Tier Camera Club is interested in providing the pictures of the County as it is “Now”. Pete Andrews will be contacted to work with this group. A list of suggested pictures will be provided. A due date needs to be set so a DVD can be created for selling purposes.

Presentation: Charles Schappacher, of the Society for Creative Anachronism, presented to the committee. The Society for Creative Anachronism is a nonprofit educational group trying to recreate early European society by wearing clothing of certain periods, engaging in combat, making period food and researching how things were produced before modern manufacturing. The group trains for school demonstrations, parades and re-enactments of historic battles in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings:

July 23 – County Building, Olean – Administrative Conference Room, 2nd floor

July 30 – County Center, Little Valley – Large Committee Room, 3rd floor

August 13 – Salamanca Historical Museum

Mr. Martin, seconded by Laurie McCarthy, made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Accepted at the August 13, 2007 meeting.