



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2007
MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Boser
Mary Elizabeth Dunbar
Sid Emmons, Chairman
Sharon Fellows
Bruce Fredrickson
Maggie Fredrickson
Ginger Moser
Tom Moser
Deb Opferbeck
Evelyn Penman
Nancy Sedlak
Doc Stevens
Bill Watkins

OTHERS:

Lori Lisi, Salamanca
Cheryl O'Keefe, County Administrator's Office
Brian Quinn, Salamanca Press
Jack Searles, County Administrator

The meeting was convened at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Emmons in the County Center in Little Valley. Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

General Updates:

Ms. O'Keefe reported on general updates.

~Only 7 towns have submitted their community's 2008 planned activities and requested highlighted Bicentennial week. It was suggested that calls be made as the due date is July 30th. Ms. O'Keefe will make these calls.

~Some changes are being made to the bicentennial webpage at this time before it comes live.

~It has been suggested that there be a change in the meeting structure. The Advisory Committee will meet @ 6:00; then will breakout into the subcommittees and project teams at approximately 7:15 the Advisory will convene to get updates from these groups.

~The sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteers

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Fundraising Subcommittee

The Executive Committee of the Bicentennial Committee has decided to dissolve the Fundraising Subcommittee. Activities/events for the purpose of raising monies for the benefit of the bicentennial celebration will be under the auspice of the Finance Subcommittee.

Each person or group that is organizing an event will report to the Finance Subcommittee. This group and others (as prescribed by the County Purchasing Policy) must approve all budgets/expenditures for bicentennial activities Cattaraugus County purchasing policies will govern all transactions.

Community Involvement Subcommittee

Mrs. Fredrickson reported that she is in the process of calling the historical societies. Of those that she has made contact with indicated that they are very interested in participating.

PROJECT TEAMS:

Traveling Exhibit: This project met earlier today with Jack Searles, County Administrator and Tom Livak, Director of Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism. Mr. Moser reported that they have made a decision on which trailer to purchase. This trailer will be purchased with Casino funds as a traveling kiosk to promote tourism. County tax dollars will not be used to purchase this trailer. Economic Development, Planning and Tourism will be loaning the Bicentennial Advisory Committee this trailer for purposes of promoting tourism during the bicentennial. It will have displays for individual town information, calendar of events as well as bicentennial merchandise for sale.

Bill Watkins made a motion, seconded by Mary Elizabeth Dunbar, to obtain the traveling trailer as presented to the committee. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Sedlak requested to have the traveling trailer for the 2007 Falling Leaves Festival.

Old Chautauqua Trail: The section of this trail that is in Cattaraugus County is complete. Mr. Fredrickson reported that they are in the process of creating maps for the self-guided tours with the assistance of Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works and Economic Development, Planning and Tourism.

Circulating Float: Ms. Sedlak reported that Salamanca decided against this project.

Equestrian Event: No report

County History Book: Mrs. Fredrickson will report at the next meeting the approximate cost for 2007.

DVDs: Mr. Searles reported that he is in the process of creating a DVD of the County's Centennial *Parades in Salamanca, NY*. It should be ready for sale at the next meeting.

Tours: There are self-guided tours in Ellicottville, Portville, Franklinville and a trail associated with the role played by the Franciscan Order in Cattaraugus County history.

Opening Event: Mrs. Opferbeck reported that Holiday Valley wants about \$17/person for finger foods. Negotiations continue regarding this event. A corporate sponsor was suggested.

Onoville Marina Community Day: This is a new event that is being planned. This event would be at the Onoville Marina. The idea is to have food vendors, bands/music throughout the day and fireworks at night. It would be an event for the whole family.

Presentation: Lori Lisi from the Arts Council in Salamanca presented her idea of a Bicentennial Pageant. Contestants would be judged on poise, personality, and appearance as well as a written essay. She organizes those for the Falling Leaves Festivals. She felt there would be about 4 contestants to choose from. This event will be voted on at the next meeting.

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. Moser, seconded by Mr. Fredrickson, made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Accepted at the August 13, 2007 meeting.