



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 27, 2007
MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Crystal Abers
James Boser
Mary Elizabeth Dunbar
Sid Emmons, Chairman
Bruce Fredrickson
Maggie Fredrickson

Terry Martin
Laurie McCarthy

Ginger Moser
Tom Moser
Deb Opferbeck
Ann Padlo
Charles Schappacher
Bob Schaumleffel
Nancy Sedlak
Dixon Stevens
Bill Watkins
Gail Watkins

OTHERS:

Patricia Bromley, Leon Historian
Dianne Emmons
Leah Leising
Jim & Dolly Little, The Crosspatch
Frances Lord, Salamanca Historical Society
Cheryl O'Keefe, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Prior, Leon Historical Society
Jack Searles, County Administrator

Kathy Searles
Annie Widger, Gentle Thunder Farm, Ellicottville

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Emmons in The Dudley located at Main Street, Salamanca, New York. Introductions were made by those new to attending the meetings. Meeting packets were distributed by Chairman Doc Stevens. The packets included: a copy of sales effective 8/24/07; copies of two memorandums from Jeff Davis, Recreation Area Manager for the Onoville Marina celebration; a copy St. Bonaventure University arena seating chart indicating the areas of available tickets for the committee to sell for the January 5, 2008 Men's Basketball game as a fundraiser; information regarding the Cookbook requesting recipes to be included and a draft version of the sponsorship packet that is proposed to be distributed to all businesses, civic groups etc in the county.

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A motion was made by J. Boser, seconded by A. Padlo to accept the August 13, 2007 meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously by voice vote.

FINANCES

Mr. Moser and Mr. Searles gave a report regarding the finances. Mr. Searles reported to the committee that the projected profit, if all fundraising projects were reached, would be \$25,556.15. The challenge with this is to sell all the merchandise and/or to reach sales levels projected for the fundraisers. Mr. Searles stressed the need to sell merchandise or to actively promote available fundraisers to have this money available. Without this effort projects planned for the next year will need to be modified/curtailed. There are a number of fundraising projects contributing to this potential revenue. Mr. Moser reported that the logistics of having merchandise for sale at various locations in the county are being worked out. Suggested locations are: County Center in Little Valley, County Building in Olean, Pines-Machias, Pines-Olean, County Museum in Machias, Salamanca Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Olean Chamber. Laurie McCarthy of McCarthy's Emporium offered a window of her storefront for a Bicentennial display of merchandise. Crystal Abers offered to sell merchandise out of Herbal Expressions in South Dayton. Dolly Little offered some merchandise to be sold out of the dry goods wagon during the Wagon Train and Stagecoach Run. Patricia Bromley, Leon Historian, requested to sell bicentennial merchandise during their 2007 fall event which is scheduled October 12th.

Mr. Searles spoke of the several proposed events and projects: an opening event, student essay/poster contest, Ellicottville Tours, Old Chautauqua Trail tour, St. Bonaventure University activities, Wagon Train and Stage Coach Run, Veterans event, county wall hangings, Onoville Marina Community day, Salamanca parade, Santa Claus Lane parade, and a time capsule. The Onoville Marina Community day event is still in the preliminary stages however, it will be on a Saturday in August. There will be a stage area on which various bands will be able to play throughout the day, two concession areas (one back of band area and the other would be "Taste of Onoville"), and a vendor area.

The Bell Ringing project, as presented to the Finance Subcommittee, will look a bit different due to concerns and logistics of moving such a heavy object so frequently. A counter project presented is to target key events. At the opening event the Chairman of the Legislature would ring the bell to open the bicentennial year. The bell would be available as a fundraiser as indicated in the initial proposal at the Onoville Marina Community day and the Veterans Event. The bell would also be included in the Salamanca and Santa Claus Lane parades. At the end of the Santa Claus Lane parade, the Chairman would again ring the bell indicated the close of the bicentennial celebration. If Mr. Schaumleffel is so inclined, the bell would then take up residency at the County Museum with a plaque commemorating its use in the Bicentennial. Mr. Schaumleffel stated that he is in agreement with this and further stated that he did not want the bell melted down.

Mr. Searles requested more details regarding the Free Time Festival. The proposed project needs a venue. It was suggested that the Veterans event may be appropriate. Charlie Schappacher will be contacting John Ognibene and John Sampson regarding this matter.

The oral history project will be handled as a Museum budget item in the 2008 Cattaraugus County Budget.

MEETING FORMAT

There was discussion regarding the meeting format. The committee is now at a point in the planning process in which meetings need to be focused upon specific activities. Another

suggestion would be to allow a designated amount of time for touching base with other committee members. The Executive Committee will meet and decide the order of the projects for the schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

A thank you will be sent to The Dudley for the hospitality of the room for the meeting. There was coffee and a veggie and dip tray for the committee to enjoy.

Annie Widger announced the fundraiser for their equestrian event. It is "A Sunset Soiree". It is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2007 from 4:00-8:00 at Gentle Thunder Farm located in Mansfield, NY. The schedule is a 5:30 presentation of the proposed Stage Coach Run and bicentennial involvement, dinner at 6:00. The evening will be complete with a campfire and music. Ms. Widger extended the invite to the Bicentennial Advisory Committee. She requested that if you do plan to attend to bring a dish to pass and contact her at (716) 699-2940 or (716) 378-9419.

Mr. Moser reported that he contacted Crandall Memorials located on West State Street in Olean regarding a time capsule. The price range is \$75 - \$3,000. Charlie Schappacher made a motion, seconded by Dixon Stevens to create a Project Team. Those that volunteered for this team are: Charlie Schappacher, Dolly Little, Laurie McCarthy and Ann Padlo. It is planned that the Wagon Train and Stagecoach Run will pick up the various town "treasures" that will be placed into the time capsule. The committee would like a copy of the county history book to be in the time capsule. The number and the size of the items will determine the time capsule. There is indication that the employees of the County may be interested in sponsoring this project. The committee will need to receive confirmation of this prior to the sponsorship packets being mailed.

Maggie Fredrickson reported to the committee that the letter was sent to the historians, museums and libraries located in Cattaraugus County requesting sponsorship in the county history book. Each single sided page costs \$50 and it is \$20 for one line on the patron page. At the end of September this will be opened to the public.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September 10 – County Center, Little Valley

September 24 – Machias Library

October 8 – St. Patrick School, 79 River Street, Salamanca

October 22 – County Center, Little Valley

T. Martin, seconded by C. Schappacher, made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Accepted at the 9/10/07 meeting