



**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 19, 2007
MEETING MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Crystal Abers
Jim Boser
Sid Emmons
Bruce Fredrickson
Tom Moser
Deb Opferbeck
Charles Schappacher
Dixon Stevens
Bill Watkins

OTHERS:

Lindalee Allen, Leon
Patricia Bromley, Leon Historian
Cheryl O'Keefe, Administrator's Office
Sandy Prior, Leon
Jack Searles, County Administrator
Kathy Searles
Emily Searles-Sorokes

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Emmons in the Count Center, Little Valley, New York. Introductions were made by those attending the meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

J. Searles reported that the County has included in the 2008 County Budget \$50,000 for Bicentennial expenditures. The County Budget goes before the full Legislature Tuesday, November 20, 2007 for adoption.

It was also reported that merchandise sales have brought in \$2,700.90 and expenses total \$5,724.34.

MERCHANDISE DISTRIBUTION

T. Moser reported that the Olean Chamber will allow the Bicentennial Advisory Committee to set up a table in front of their storefront on Friday, November 23 for the Santa Claus Lane Parade to sell merchandise. The hours would be 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Moser also reported that the Olean Mall will allow, at no cost, the Committee to set up a table in the main entrance corridor near Renna's Pizza to sell merchandise on Saturday, 12/8 and 12/15. The hours would be 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Bill Watkins made a motion, second by Crystal Abers to commit to these opportunities to sell merchandise, promote SBU basketball tickets and make the public aware of the upcoming bicentennial. Carried by voice vote.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the three opportunities was distributed. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Cheryl O'Keefe if you are interested in volunteering at hour increments.

B. Watkins suggested that merchandise be displayed at the museum. C. O'Keefe will speak with Sharon Fellows of the County Museum for permission to do so.

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

J. Boser made a motion to meet on the 4th Monday – motion failed (no second).

D. Stevens made a motion, second by C. Abers, to meet on the 1st Monday of each month for 2008.

It was also discussed that the Executive committee be responsible for cancelling and rescheduling due to weather conditions. If a meeting is cancelled it will be rescheduled for the 2nd Monday and committee members will be notified by email or telephone.

Meeting locations will alternate between the two County buildings unless you would like to host a meeting. Please contact Cheryl O'Keefe if you are interested in hosting a meeting.

Chairman Emmons reported for the Executive Committee that at each monthly meeting a bicentennial event would be highlighted, requested to report to the Committee. The purpose would be to hear more about the project and to help troubleshoot; not to micro-manage the project. Chairman Emmons will invite the Equestrian group to present at the January 7th meeting.

STUDENT ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST

A draft of the letter to be sent to the schools was distributed. After much discussion it was decided to remove the exact location the time capsule would be buried as that has not been decided; also to change the grade levels to elementary, middle school and high school rather than specify the actual grade level. The letters are due to be mailed the week of November 26th.

DECEMBER 17TH DINNER/SOCIAL

D. Stevens reminded the committee that this is a social gathering and there would not be a meeting. It will be at The Dudley in Salamanca. The buffet is \$20 per person, inclusive of tax, gratuity and room charge. Paid reservations are due to Cheryl O'Keefe by December 3 (next meeting). Please make checks payable to: The Dudley.

ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAME

J. Boser reported that the promotional picture will be taken Wednesday, December 12th (the last 2007 meeting of the Legislature. C. Abers volunteered to contact Dick Say from the local television program for some promotion of this to help boost sales. Forms are available from committee members. The deadline to order the special price tickets is December 18th.

OPENING EVENT

D. Opferbeck reported that the reception will be at the Ellicottville Inn with The Foster's Pub catering the food and BOCES the cake. The committee requested that Mrs. Opferbeck report at the next meeting a draft program. She stated that she does have a retired history teacher that will speak.

BICENTENNIAL BOOK

B. Fredrickson reported they are still waiting for the information for the Seneca Nation of Indians. The pictures and text for each municipality was dropped off at C. O'Keefe's office for typing prior to being submitted to the printer. They decided that the layout would have the pictures scattered throughout the text. It makes for more interesting reading. Their goal is to have the Bicentennial History Book ready for sale by mid February.

WEBPAGE WWW.CATTCO.ORG/BICENTENNIAL

J. Searles reported that the webpage is live! Check it out! Please submit any suggestions/problems/concerns to Cheryl O'Keefe.

OTHER

J. Searles reported that a third party is being looked at to be the event organizer for the Onoville Community day. As well as handling PR for the bicentennial year.

The committee requested that a list of projects with descriptions be put together for distribution. C. O'Keefe will do this.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

December 3 – Salamanca Historical Museum

December 17 – Social at The Dudley, Salamanca

Space is limited – Get your payment with your reservations in!

C. Schappacher, seconded by D. Opferbeck, made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl O'Keefe

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