

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2016

The Bicentennial Committee discussed ideas of what will be done each month during the Bicentennial year. The main event is September 7, 8 and 9, 2018.

Entertainment Committee:

Mark Madigan discussed the Entertainment Committee Meeting held May 16, 2018.

A Parade meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20, at the Depot. At 6:30

Mark talked about sponsorship. Entertainment will be a huge budget.

He trying to get in touch with Farmers Bank, Dark Rural Electric, Pratt Industries, and Rumpke. We should contact them now so they have plenty of time to make plans.

Our tentative plan is hold fireworks on Friday, September 7th. The rain date on Sunday.

Saturday – National entertainment act.

There is a company out of Zainesville that produces entertainment for these type of events.

Considering a Balloon glow.

July 13 is the next Bicentennial Entertainment meeting.

Everett Trittschuh discussed the Model T Club. He discussed having them come to Lewisburg for the Bicentennial when they were here. They are fully willing to do sometime during the year, if not in September. 2018 is their celebration year and they will have more cars. They usually do their activity in June. We may be able to have them here as one of our monthly events in June. We may be able to do it as a fund raiser as well by selling ice cream.

The Historical Society will be doing activities relative to the equipment we have. Steam engine, etc.

The Ohio Magazine has an article about Perrysburg's Bicentennial celebration. We may put in an article about our activities in Darke Rural Electric, Country Living, etc.

Marsha Jones had an idea for a 2018 costume contest. Lewisburg used to have a Halloween carnival years ago.

Fund Raising:

Pam Baker ordered the Afghans. We will have 16 at Derby Days and will take orders for more. This is similar to the afghans LEU previously sold. The company is called Keepsake. The afghan costs \$33 to make.

Jeff Sewert had our flag made. The cost was \$30. Will also have at derby days and take orders. It is made out of vinyl. We may be able to sell for \$40 or \$50.

We will also order lapel pins to sell.

Marketing and Public Relations:

Marketing and public relations next meeting is July 18 at 6:30 at the library. Marsha said they are meeting on off months. 3rd Monday of every other month at library.

Mark Madigan asked that Melinda Harry post meetings on the website.

Diane Trittschuh will start posting meeting information on Facebook.

The public relations committee had a Bicentennial banner made up. 12 banners for the light poles are \$58 each. Mark will see if the businesses will sponsor the banners. Possibly add “sponsored by...” to the banners.

Barb Foster is putting together a newsletter. The plan is to place in Church bulletins, village newsletter, etc. telling about the event and we need volunteers. Pam suggested doing a tri fold and adding contacts for recipes, parade, anything we want put into it for contacts.

Lori Phinneas is making stickers for the daubers. Barb Foster suggested making a basket for the auction with items and auction it off.

Barb Foster reported we have \$930 in the bank. Hopefully there will be more after GOBA.

Downtown Days:

Nothing to report.

Parade:

Sandy Heindl is working on the Derby Days Bicentennial float. She would like to get 100 balloons and tie cards on them – “if you find this balloon contact our website”. She will let them go at the corner during derby days. Sandy painted a plaque for the float. The plaque can be auctioned off, but they won’t get it until after the Derby Day’s parade.

Sandy needs helium. Josh Harry said he will help her.

Parade awards. Considering a wood carving award for the grand prize. They are getting pricing, but it is around \$350 for a panther. We could sell raffle tickets for a carving. He is at Richmond at Shelton’s Fireworks.

Parade Categories:

- Churches
- Renegades – drill team for horses - confirmed
- Clowns – Steve Holly
- Red Hat Society
- Boy Scouts
- Semi Trucks
- Steve Holly – head of city workers

Bruce Robbins – race car
Historical Society – will have fire truck
Competition between high school grades.
Need help from principal and superintendent
Sports teams

Cookbook:

Diane Shrout reported she is working on food vendors. Kenny Uhlerly – corn; Lori Uhlerly – icecream.
Some others.

She looked at the apple fest in New Paris to get a list of vendors.

Mark suggested getting Frank the elephant ear vendor from Derby Days.

Need 220 and water.

Gave forms to churches. Lynn Ferguson will provide a contact for the school. Title of the Cookbook is “Just like Grammy Used to Make”. We will design the cover ourselves. Cost is less than \$4 each. Should be able to sell for \$10 to \$12. We will ask participants to add a paragraph about the history of the recipe.

Vendors will be spread out between the Historical Society and Community Center.

We are getting contracts from vendors. Lori Uhlerly is paying \$150 flat rate for 3 days.

We could try Care Source for a sponsorship for the cookbook. Melinda will be typing all of the recipes in. It’s cheaper if we type in. We could possibly allow them to type in. We could have forms at Derby Days and at the Village Office.

We would like to try to keep it within the community or prior residents. Should put at the alumni dinner next year.

Community Art and Youth:

Nothing to report

5 K Run:

Jessica Cherry will do the run on Saturday, Sept 8.

Time capsule:

Diane and Everett Trittschuh asked what time frame for the time capsule. We need things from last time capsule to current. Old items will go back into it. Bury on Sunday. Dig up two weeks prior and display. Diane asked Chief McGhee at the last meeting if we could put one of his DVD’s of Lewisburg photos in the time capsule and he agreed.

Fire Department

BJ is compiling and getting history together.

Car Show:

Nothing to report

Pet Pageant:

Pam will get with Mars.

Fire house painting mural:

We need a picture from the Firehouse toward Freedman's. Looking from the past into the future.

Could ask Barnes funeral home to see if they have any old pictures.

GOBA

Anyone who wants to help tomorrow night – whenever you can get here. GOBA is Wednesday and Thursday. 10 to 3 (W) and 6 to 11 (TH) Around 4:00 Tuesday to help.

Once bills are paid, profits will be split: Half to the Community Association and half to the Sorority and Bicentennial Committee.

Derby Days:

Bicentennial booth. Needs to be at the center of town. We could use the corner where the lodge used to be. Belinda will ask Park.

General Discussion:

We need to make sure we have school involvement. This is a learning experience for them.

Everyone made their own dresses at the 150th.

Idea to have a community picnic with sack races, raffle off lunch basket, etc.

August 15 6:30 at the Community Center is next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Bicentennial Committee