

Lewisburg Bicentennial Organizational Meeting

October 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Minutes

Present at the October 12, 2015 Lewisburg Bicentennial Organizational Meeting were: Jeff Sewert, Pam Baker, Park Harry, Belinda Harry, , Diane Trittschuh, Everett Trittschuh, Sandy Heindl, Sherry Gearhart, Josh Harry, Mindy Harry. The meeting was held at the Lewisburg Historical Society Depot Building.

The purpose of this meeting was to assess community interest in organizing a celebration of the Village's Bicentennial in September 2018. The evening largely consisted of sharing ideas and thoughts of how to organize and celebrate this event.

Below is a small list of ideas and discussion topics shared that evening, including appointment of individuals for the Board of Director chairs:

- Appointed Board of Directors:
 - Pam Baker, Chairperson, P. (937) 962-2190, bakerharryrp@aol.com
 - Jeff Sewert, Vice Chairperson, P. (937) 962-4377 / C. (937) 533-3827, jeff.sewert@lewisburg.net
 - Barb Foster, Treasurer, P. (937) 962-4015, lwfosterb@aol.com
 - Mindy Harry, Secretary, P. (937) 962-9021 / C. (937) 336-1230, mindyharry1@gmail.com
- Review of the sesquicentennial books from past celebrations and other writings, including past documentation of Lewisburg's history, photographs and memorabilia used during these past events. Discussed bicentennial blanket/throw.
- Looking for involvement from all community groups, businesses, anyone interested in being part of the celebration. Preliminary list of Organizations, Businesses, etc. that can be contacted:
 - Lewisburg Historical Society
 - Fire Department
 - Local Schools, School Groups (Drama Class), Tiny Tots
 - All Churches
 - All Local Businesses
 - Sorority
 - Trail Riders Club
 - Toll House Road and North Water Street Guest House
 - Boy/Girl Youth Scouts, 4-H/Bunny Bouncers, Community Youth Groups
 - All Sports Organizations
 - Lions Club
 - VFW
 - Township(s)
 - Masonic Lodge
 - Brookville Theatre (Production Play)
- Overall Goal: Getting a jump-start on planning and involving as many people as possible to support and celebrate the bicentennial, events and history of the Village of Lewisburg.
- Pam/Mindy will draft a letter to mail out to all organizations and businesses asking for their presence at the next Lewisburg Bicentennial Organizational Meeting.

Next meeting: November 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Located at the Lewisburg Community Center

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Topic to discuss at the November 9th Meeting:

Committees - Form several committees to organize certain events throughout the 3-day celebration. Below is a list of potential (example) Committees that can be formed to support each event:

- Parade Committee
- Advertising/Publicity/Marketing/Logo Committee
- Publications Committee
- Fundraising & Memorabilia Committee (makers, monuments, souvenirs Committee)
- Community Service, Businesses and People Committee
- Youth Committee
- Schedule/Event Organizing Committee

EVENTS - List of potential events:

- Gazebo event
- Theatrical Play
- Citizen(s) of the Year
- Religious observances
- Yard sales
- Publication/Book/Brochure/Republication of the Lewisburg Sesquicentennial Book with the latest information included to the current year/Copies sold
- Musical concert at the park, Dinner, lunch with the Mayor
- Time Capsule Event – Unearth current time capsule. Create new time capsule to provide something permanent for future generations to open. Hold Ceremony.
- Lewisburg Historical Society – Black Smith Demonstration Event
- Alumni Banquet
- Sports demonstrations played as it was played in 1918 or 1943(?), dress in period attire
- Elementary students could interview parents and grandparents.
- Students could lay flowers on the gravestones of those whose families are no longer in the area
- Sports - Students and younger parents can focus on where student interests are.
- How many years has Baseball been played in Lewisburg? Soccer? Football, etc.
- Signage at entry points of the Village
- Walking tours, self-promotion of village
- Make your own cookbooks

Contact information and guidance to volunteers:

- Spell out to all volunteers exactly what is needed from everyone and their rules
- Each committee is to include chairs of their committee, including phone/e-mail
- Ask each committee to plan and execute their own special event(s), provide financial backing, and descriptions of what they are planning to commemorate

Suggestions to commemorate Lewisburg:

- Marker/Pens/Pencils stating when the Village was founded
- Design of logo and letterhead – Logo for shirts to support the Bicentennial
- Slogan for the bicentennial celebration, i.e. "Lewisburg's Bicentennial Celebration", or "Lewisburg ~ 200 years in the making!" "Lewisburg, Ohio Bicentennial Celebration".
- Fundraising (Are there any grants (?)) – Check with the Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce, maybe even the Preble County Chamber of Commerce.
- Leave something permanent for future generations, time capsule.
- Pam/Mindy will mail a letter to all organizations and businesses outlining committees and asking for a representative so they may be part of this event. Park to put signs around town.

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Committees established at the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Bicentennial Planning Committee meeting. The * indicates the committee chairman. Each committee was directed to meet at least once and begin to fulfill their respective objectives.

Community Service Committee

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Youth Committee

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Publications/Publishing Committee

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Fund Raising/Memorabilia (makers, monuments, souvenirs Committee)

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Advertising/Publicity/Logo Committee

- *1. Pam Baker
- 2. Mindy Harry
- 3.
- 4.

Events

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Parade

- *1. Sandy Heindl
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Executive Committee will consist of Chairmen of the above committees and the Board of Directors