

Lewisburg Bicentennial Organizational Meeting

January 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Pat Putnam, Mark Madigan, Marsha Jones, Diane Anderson, Seth Schlotterbeck, Lori Pheanis, Jackie Gross, Jerry Gross, Chris Mears, Josh Harry, Jason Harry, Belinda Harry, Park Harry, Joe Conley, Calvin Clark, Dinah Clark, Diane Shrout, Jimmy L. Peters, Everett & Diane Trittschuh, Todd Appledorn, Jeff Sewert, Mindy Harry, Pam Baker, Angie Getter, Barb Foster, Sandy Heindl. The meeting was held at the Lewisburg Community Center.

Discussions during the meeting:

Jeff: Meetings will continue to be the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the Lewisburg Community Center.

Mindy: Will type up and distribute contact list by e-mail to everyone attending and create a group e-mail list, include a Bicentennial page on the Village of Lewisburg's website and link the page to the Tri-County North Community Association website.

Pam: Contact the Register Herald and invite them to the next meeting. Start with Derby Days, possibly set up booth to sell afghans, flags, with Bicentennial date, to raise money. 5K Run/Walk. Chris Mears said that we could possibly coordinate a run at the Garber Nature Center.

Showed past book to everyone and discussed how to incorporate the new pages. Insert pages, but not sure about page numbers, print new book? Need to determine the best way to include the new information, cost, etc. It will be expensive. Looked at memorabilia/pins from past celebrations.

Lori/Pam: Possibly establish a Bicentennial Bank Account under the Tri-County North Community Association.

Jacki/Jerry: Videos of people from the earlier days in Lewisburg, hold interviews and record their conversations, discuss what they remember from the past 50 years. Jackie will contact a Word of Faith Church.

Jason/Josh: Schedule a day where we can invite individuals from the community to come down to the Community Center to have old photographs of Lewisburg scanned. They can stay with their photos until scanned or leave them and pick them back up later. Maybe set up a booth at Derby Days where photos can be scanned there. Maybe not due to electric. Maybe set up at the Fire House.

Diane S./Jim: Bicentennial Cook Book/Recipes, pie-eating contest

Seth: Check into printer/publication, graphics

Todd: Downtown Days, check into displays, look into certificate template for stock shares, two-sided. \$5.00 a share. Checking with Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce to see about donation for start-up \$'s.

Judy & Janet: They were not present at the meeting, however Belinda said that they are working on a possible Children's Book for the Bicentennial.

Follow-up Items:

We need to check with TCN School to see what participation we can get from the school & children. Involve children in coloring contest, drawing contest. Maybe see if Ron Schaar would be interested in heading up this committee or being part of it.

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TOPICS TO DISCUSS AT THE NEXT MEETING:

Committees

Committees (*preliminary*) established at the January 11, 2016 Bicentennial Planning Committee meeting. The * indicates the committee chairperson.

Each committee should organize several events throughout the entire year. The goal is to have at least one event/activity take place once a month, throughout 2018, and then many activities, events, etc. take place throughout the 3-day celebration in September 2018.

Advertising/Publicity/Marketing/Website/Planning/Scheduling/Distribution of Info. Committee

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

Fundraising/Memorabilia Committee (T-shirts, afghans, souvenirs)

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

Publications, Publishing Book & Graphics Committee (Brochure/Republication of the Lewisburg Sesquicentennial Book with the latest information included to the current year)

- *1. Seth Schlotterbeck
- 2. Angie Getter
- 3.

Business Downtown Days Committee

- *1. Todd Appledorn
- 2.
- 3.

Community & Youth Committee (School Involvement for contests)

- *1.
- 2.
- 3.

Entertainment, Events and Reenactments Committee

- *1. Mark Madigan
- 2.
- 3.

Parade Committee

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

Bicentennial Cookbook, Contests, Bake Sales Committee

- *1. Diane Shrout
- 2. Jim Peters
- 3.

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POSSIBLE EVENTS – This is a list of possible events/activities (not discussed at the last meeting), that any one of the Committees could take charge of and make their own:

- Gazebo event
- Theatrical Play
- Citizen(s) of the Year
- Religious observances
- Yard sales
- 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. Leave something permanent for future generations.
- 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
- Balloon Release (A beautiful way to celebrate an event)
- 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 Businesses
- Firefighter Day
- Community Picnic
- Moustache/Beard Contest
- Car Show
- Horse and Buggy rides
- Historical Lecture
- Veterans Appreciation Day
- 200 Years of Fashion
- Pet Pageant
- Farmers Market
- Commemorative Postmark
- Birthday Bash Kick-off – Launch balloons, birthday cake, music)
- 5K Run

Guidance to Committees & Volunteers:

- Each committee should appoint a chairperson for their committee, provide phone/e-mail.
- Each committee should plan and execute their own special event(s), provide assistance with financial backing, and descriptions of what events they are planning to focus on.

Suggestions to commemorate Lewisburg:

- Markers/Pens/Pencils stating when the Village of Lewisburg was founded
- Slogan for the Bicentennial Celebration, i.e. “Lewisburg’s Bicentennial Celebration”, “Lewisburg ~ 200 years in the making!”, or “Lewisburg, Ohio Bicentennial Celebration”.

Next meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m., located at the Lewisburg Community Center

Note to all: Bring a friend or two to the next meeting that might be interested in volunteering to be part of a committee. Tell any organization about our plans, if they were not at the meeting, and invite them to attend the next meeting. Bring ideas.

Thank you for your support and for being part of this important milestone for the Village of Lewisburg.