

## BICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2016

Recap on Bicentennial Event dates. The main event is September 7, 8 and 9, 2018.

**The next meeting is Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 located at the TCN Community Center.**

Rob Horn, from the local Horn Family attended the meeting this evening. Thank you.

Rob mentioned that he can look into getting ahold of other Horn family members. Robert Horn lives in Eaton, Ohio. Rob also works with a lady that is related to his family. His father's brother lives in Huber Heights, Dr. Craig Horn who is a pediatrician, and has a very large family. They don't have any type of reunions. He will reach out to them.

His sister was trying to do a genealogy tree for the Horn's. Larry digitized a book and can make it available for anyone to see. Angie Getter works at the Eaton/Preble County Library in the Genealogy Department. See her anytime if you need help.

Our goal is to let people know that there are people still around from this era.

Lori Pheanis: Henry Horn said a proclamation and Lori thought it would be nice to have a current Horn family member repeat the proclamation, or provide something similar to what Henry Horn said. Everyone agreed that, that is a good suggestion.

Larry: Mary Jane Dixon is a descendant of Henry Horn. Bixler, she's another person they can contact to get information from. Larry mentioned that a good place to go is [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) for ancestry research. Angie Getter said it's a good site, has a lot of information, however, is not reliable. But, a good place to start.

Rachel Davidson to help with the schools to get them more involved. She's going to see what she can do.

### HISTORY AND BOOK COMMITTEE:

Seth's next meeting is November 21, 2016 at the Brown Memorial Library

New book anticipated to be put together by October 2017. Goal, available for the Kick-off celebration.

Logan will start taking pictures of the downtown with the fall colors.

The books from 1963 and 1998 have been scanned.

Stock certificates are printed and available to sell, see Pam Baker for copies. They are \$5.00 each.

Seth will send out letters to businesses to get information on each business to incorporate into the book.

Angie Getter: The Preble County Park District has already sent their letters

Everett Trittschuh: The old fashioned baseball teams are wide open for 2018. Right now, they are booking events for 2017. They should be available any weekend in May 2018. other than Mother's Day.

## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Mark Madigan - The next Bicentennial Entertainment meeting is Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 at Depot.

Mark said nine individuals attended the last meeting, not a bad turnout.

The Entertainment Committee discussed ideas for monthly events during the Bicentennial year.

December thru January: The committee will start to schedule events for each month.

February 2018: They are planning to have a historical figure give a presentation.

April 2018: Tea at the School and Fashion Show.

## **FUNDRAISING:**

Pam Baker: We had a Derby Day booth and it was very successful, decorated very nice. We sold the commemorative sprays, Afghans, flags, lapel pins, and gave away Frisbees.

Jeff Sewert: Thanks to everyone who helped. Thank you to Logan for his time that he spent at the tents.

Pam has flags available. The flags are \$40.00 each.

We continue to sell commemorative room sprays whenever possible. At Bingo, and Lori is still selling them at the bank. The spray is selling for \$5 a bottle.

Chad Woodworth asked who was doing our screen-printing. Pam said Seth, who touched up our insignia. Cost wise, Chad has a customer in Lima, good to work with, elaborate color front and back, and the T-shirts were only \$3.50 a piece at a minimum order of 100. They do a number of things that would benefit this event. They will also set up a free website for you, to allow anyone to order from, whenever they want. Chad's football team ordered t-shirts and sold them for \$10.00 a piece, making a profit of over \$6.00 for each tee sold. Who can afford a \$10.00 t-shirt, when everything my daughter needs is \$15-\$20 dollars. It is a good fundraiser.

Josh Harry: We should definitely get t-shirts to sell for a fundraiser.

Pam Baker: Question directed to Chad Woodworth: Can you ask your customer if they do screen printing on wood. We have the artwork, but can't find anyone that prints on wood. Chad will contact them to see if they do, they offer a variety of options.

Pam and Mindy: We are interested and will get with Chad.

## **MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

The next meeting is on November 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Lewisburg Library, always opposite of the main Bicentennial Planning Committee meetings.

Marsha Jones: Looking into getting flyers passed around. We have the banner at the Black Smith Shop and at the Haunted Caves. Park Harry is going to check to see if we can put it at the game this coming Friday. We would like to come up with something like a small business card, separate from the magnet.

Marsha Jones: It would be nice to have an electronic calendar to hold all of the events, keep everything organized in one place.

Pam Baker/Mindy Harry, it is going to be hard, really almost impossible to get everything on one calendar unless you have one designated person adding all of the dates and information to the calendar for everything. It's hard to not

schedule something during a football game or a different sport or function. We can definitely look into it and see if we can come up with something.

Barb Foster: Maybe one person from each committee can be in charge, with the password to login and add their committee information.

Marsha Jones: The calendar is ready to ship. New Bicentennial logo will be the photo for this year's calendar.

Pam Baker: Do we know if Todd Appledorn or another representative from the Lewisburg chamber can make it to the next meeting. It would be nice to have someone present.

## **COOKBOOK:**

Pam Baker reporting for Diane Shrout: Diane is going to crafters at festivals who make old-fashioned crafts/foods to pass out flyers. She has contacted a few people that make old-fashioned foods, passed out information on how they can contact her.

Pam Baker: It would be nice if we could maybe get handmade baskets, tatting, cornhusk dolls, things that they did back then as vendors. Maybe art or painting from that timeframe. There are a lot of things that can bring the historical side to life.

Larry Snyder: Larry talked to the people with the Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad to get details of what they might bring. The big item is the Portable Train Set. They use this at train shows and it would be \$500 for two days. The other item is a Historic exhibit and video slide show that provides literature for \$50 a day. Look up online, Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club. They set it up at Hamilton and it was a replica to some extent.

These people do go to train shows during this timeframe, so we should make a reservation right away, choose which one, and both prefer inside building for the displays. More so the portable train needs to be displayed in a building.

Jeff Sewert: The Village will support Larry Snyder. Larry to get with Jeff Sewert to get \$500 to go ahead and reserve and book the portable train show exhibit.

## **PARADE: Sandy Heindle**

Sandy got ahold of a few local farmers to borrow tractors and wagons for the parade. They seem to be interested in helping when the time comes. Not having much luck on finding volunteers to help make floats for the parade. Thinks a lot of them don't know how to do it.

Rachel Davidson suggested she contact FFA. Sandy said that she has e-mailed them and not heard back. Sandy will try to keep reaching out to people and said she is going to have nice awards like woodcarvings as prizes, but it's going to be hard to persuade kids to make a float.

The next meeting will probably be in January or February 2017, after things slowdown from the election and holidays. It may be too early to get anyone to commit to helping.

**ART AND YOUTH:** Janet and Judy - Nothing to report.

**5K RUN:** Jessica Odell – Nothing to report

**TIME CAPSULE:** Historical Society, Diane and Everett - Nothing to report.

Pam Baker: If anyone has suggestions about what should go into the capsule, please let us know.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BOOK:** BJ Sewert – Nothing to report.

**CAR SHOW:** Todd Appledorn – Nothing to report. Todd will be getting with Loy's.

**PET PAGEANT:** Mars – Nothing to report.

### **MURAL ON FIRE HOUSE:**

Ed Wright: The mural is going to happen. Ed had lunch with a guy who paints the murals in Richmond, Indiana. He doesn't have a photo yet and still needs to talk to Ron. There are a few factors to consider. If you want it to pop, the painting should be like a postcard, an old picture or stamp. That will give it the 3D effect.

Important to decide early: When do you want to unveil it? Timing is key. The painting will take about one full month. So the idea is to decide when we want to unveil it, and then work backwards on preparing everything and getting ready for when we begin painting. A good month of weather is needed. A good time to unveil the mural would be Saturday of Derby Days in 2018.

Jeff Sewert agreed, we will make it happen then.

Ed Wright: Do we want to be able to show progress as the mural is being painted. Yes, or No. Not sure, would be nice to show it being done, maybe during the last phase of completing the painting, we can cover it. It's a large wall so it's going to take something large to cover the entire wall.

Jeff Sewert: Appointed right-hand man, Josh Harry to help with covering up the mural until it is unveiled to the public.

**SOCCER:** Megan Evans: Nothing to report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Jeff Sewert: Appointed right-hand man Josh Harry to take care of getting ahold of someone at West Milton, to look into where the town got their flags to display veterans on the poles throughout the town.

Pam Baker: Think about storefront displays where are visible. Our own little storefront to display information, etc. for the upcoming Bicentennial events.

Jeff Sewert: The Village will help, with the new downtown grant coming next year, the Village can assist the Bicentennial Committee with acquiring a storefront space.

Some buildings are vacant, maybe rent a space for the year, not purchase.

Pam Baker: Jackie and Jerry Gross are going to start video interviewing older people/generations. Get videos started soon.

Jeff Sewert: A Resolution will be passed at the next Village of Lewisburg Council meeting, Thursday evening, which will protect the Bicentennial Committee as they move forward.

Pam Baker: I met with Emily Maderis who headed up the Eaton Bicentennial Celebration. It was amazing what all they accomplished. She provided a lot of information to help us with ideas. They had someone from Eaton, dress up like William Bruce, walk the town and went to the schools and businesses. He always made himself available during this time. They made a display at their office, and put his clothes, etc. from that event in it for the public to view.

Eaton sent thank you letters to everyone, all volunteers, for helping. After it was over, they gave proclamations to everyone who worked to help pull this off.

Jeff Sewert: Josh, my right hand man, will be Henry Horn. Mindy seconded.

Pam Baker: We could have teacups made with our bicentennial logo on them. Eaton sold little crocks with Eaton, Ohio on them.

Pam Baker: Eaton provided her with copies of their financial reports. They had Fort St. Clair and other organizations backing the Eaton celebration, so they had a lot of money coming in. They raised a lot of the money, and they were also given a lot of money. There was a lot of hard work and dedication for many individuals. Lewisburg won't be on the same level, but we can make this a successful event.

Chad Woodworth: Inquired about a bicentennial postmark. Pam said that Seth Schlotterbeck took care of it. Chad knew someone (he works for the post office) at the post office, so he thought he would ask.

Pam Baker: Metal plaques with house numbers were another fundraiser Eaton did.

Lori Pheanis: Lori suggested we contact Diane Ables. She owns the tax place there by Steve Hobbs' building. The front of the building is vacant because she only uses the back. Maybe the Bicentennial Committee can rent the front space. Pam said that maybe we should consider using a storefront that will not disrupt the every day-to-day business for our businesses. We may have members available certain times to provide information and details about upcoming events, etc. Pam did not want to come across like she was disagreeing with everyone's suggestions, but wanted to be sure that whatever is decided, that it is handicap accessible. It's not in the front, but Jeff and Mark believe that on the side of the building, it is handicap accessible.

Maybe Herschel will donate an area, we need to look into it.

Jason Harry: Jason is looking into a time clock. Mark Madigan asked Jason to bring examples to the December meeting.

Jason Harry: Jason will talk to Jacki and Jerry Gross about the video interviews. Jason said that the video can be downloaded to a computer and burned to cd's.

Rachel Davidson: The CD's can be sold too.

Lori Pheanis: Brookville Star – Lori sent a news article to the Brookville and asked if anyone new if it had been published or if anyone had seen it in the newspaper?

**Village website has a link for the 2018 Bicentennial Celebration, <http://lewisburg.webs.com/bicentennial>.**

Pam Baker closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mindy Harry

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