

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2017

Pam Baker opened the meeting.

Next Bicentennial Planning Meeting is Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30. In January 2018, we will begin meeting every month.

Pam Baker mentioned we need another person for the Marketing and Publicity Committee. The person will create fliers, announce meetings, etc.

Bicentennial Book - Seth and Rachel: Finished the Time line and passed out copies at the meeting to review. There is so much information they hit the highlights. The histories are finished and proofreading is almost finished. He is laying out the artwork. Angie will index with place names and peoples names. All is due to the printer the first week of November. Their next meeting is next Wednesday at the Library so he can have more of his story boards done. Seth contacted Chief McGhee about getting a copy of his CD to use pictures for the book. Their goal is to have it ready to sell at the New Year's Eve celebration.

Entertainment Committee – Mark reported the committee met last Wednesday with 9 people in attendance. We have plans for a New Year's Eve celebration at the Community Center with cake, cupcakes, tea and punch. Planning on showing Chief McGhee's CD at this celebration. It will start at 10:00 pm. We are open to ideas for entertainment, music, etc. We will pass out tickets for the Abraham Lincoln event in February.

February – The Abe Lincoln show is February 18th. We can get around 200 in the Community Center. If we have more than 200 people interested, we may have two shows. We may go ahead and have two shows for advertising purposes. We will reach out to school and history teachers. Possibly recommend holding it as an extra credit assignment. Possibly do this as an assembly at the school. Mark will check with him to see if he is willing to do all of this. His fee is \$200. It would be worth it to do an assembly for another \$200. Mr Derringer is looking into giving the students the days off for the Bicentennial.

March, June and July are open. We may have one of the entertainers scheduled for the bicentennial do a show in March. Considering Alan Howie who does civil war music. He dresses up and plays music.

June - attempting to contact Steve Loy to do a car show. We lost our Model T show and are trying to replace it. We are looking for another type of car like the model T.

July – old fashioned community picnic is a possibility.

The Lutheran Church offered space for us at the holiday bazaar November 10th and 11th. We will sell monopoly games, cookbooks, etc. Pam is turning in the registration.

Weekend – Mark discussed several entertainers. He published High South on the Bicentennial Facebook page and asked for feedback from the public. November 17 they are playing at one of the casinos. You can go to you tube to see additional music from them. He will feature Skipper Grace on the Facebook page at a later date.

Laser show – Mark had discussion with James Bank Jr who does lighting for bands around the state. He has also gotten into laser shows. Mark invited him to come to one of our meetings.

Ace High events is coming to the November meeting.

We are looking into setting up large entertainment tents behind the Community Center. A 60 x 120 tent is \$2,100 for the entire weekend.

The next entertainment committee meeting is November 8 at the Bicentennial Store. The meetings are always the 2nd

Wednesday of every month.

Fund Raising – Pam: The store is taking off. We've already paid off the board games, cook book and t shirts. Tumblers etc. all paid for so its all profit now. The wood nickels and gold coins are in. Our Balance is \$14,516.

Holiday Bazaar fee is \$30. We will sell cook books, coins, etc. and pass out the Time Line papers and fliers. Barb is donating the \$30 for the fee. The Bazaar is November 10 from 9 am to 6 pm; November 11 from 9 am to 4 pm. Setup is Thursday evening from 2 pm to 8 pm. Pam and Mark will start on Friday at 9 am and people can come in to work.

Marketing and Public relations – Marsha and Barb met at the last meeting. Jeff will sit on that committee and some of the work can be funneled through the Village Office.

Jeff is meeting with the Register Herald this week to see what we can put in and how much space we can have. Judy and Janet will list the events in Around the Burg for us. The advertiser out of West Alex would also be a good place to advertise.

We will post events on Facebook as well.

We will have the entire center page of the Preble County visitors bureau book.

Marsha sent a message to the Ohio Magazine. She'd like to enter it once we have a complete list. Hopefully in December. Other suggestions were Darke Rural, Country Living, Heritage Ohio etc.

Jeff spoke with Todd regarding downtown businesses to get activity, floats, advertising on windows, etc. Try to do a contest for decorating the windows. The chamber is sponsoring the circus. They will do ticket sales, etc. We'll try to coordinate for the school to go down.

Tracy and Chad volunteered to head up the Bicentennial Parade Committee. We're not having the Derby Day parade next year. They will decide if they want their own meetings or join the entertainment committee meetings. Sandy Heindl will help. Chief McGhee will get with them to determine the route. The Parade will be on Saturday and the vendors will probably open up after parade.

Marsha would like to have an events map.

Community of Faith Church committed at the spray park to sponsor an event for children. They plan to have old fashioned games, bouncy houses, etc.

Pam reported she has 80 hometown heroes. Josh is looking into mounting the brackets. Henry Horns will be in front of the bank. We'll have a service for that and then go to the Memorial Day service. Other flags will already be up. If anyone can't afford it, there is someone who has offered to pay. The flags cost \$175 each. There is no profit for us. They will touch up the photos to make them presentable for the flag. UCC is paying for all of their Veterans flags.

The firehouse is painted and ready for Ed to start painting the mural. He plans to start in the spring around April.

Jeff will call Cap Signs to have a wood bicentennial signs made. It will be similar to Eaton's bicentennial signs.

We will dig up the Time Capsule at 6:00 pm on September 7, 2018 in front of Farmers Bank.

Pam found someone who is taking an aerial photo of the town with a drone.

Mark will try to have the Bicentennial Store open every Wednesday. He hopes to have it open every Saturday and Sunday as well. It wuld also be good to have it open during the bazaars.

Belinda and Mark are having a Midnight Madness sale and Black Friday sale.

The Chamber is doing the Christmas light competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Trittschuh

Took care of the moisture issue in the building. Hopes to decorate for Christmas. Many people are donating things for the museum.

Chief Rick McGhee - CD: he is creating the CD for presentations and to sell.

Introduced Tracy Woodworth who is heading up the parade committee.

respectfully Submitted,

Diane Trittschuh