



**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JULY 30, 2007**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Crystal Abers  
James Boser  
Mary Elizabeth Dunbar  
Sid Emmons, Chairman  
Bruce Fredrickson  
Maggie Fredrickson  
Ginger Moser  
Tom Moser  
Deb Opferbeck  
Ann Padlo  
Bob Schaumleffel  
Nancy Sedlak  
Dixon Stevens  
Bill Watkins  
Gail Watkins

OTHERS:

H. Peter Andrews  
Len Brainard  
Dianne Emmons  
Susan Koch  
Jim Latter  
Rick Lefebree – McGee Trail  
Leah Leising  
Lori Lisi - pageant  
Cheryl O'Keefe, County Administrator's Office  
Brian Quinn, Salamanca Press  
Peggy Root – Village of Little Valley  
Jack Searles, County Administrator

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The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Emmons in the County Center in Little Valley. Introductions were made by those new to attending the meetings.

GENERAL UPDATES:

Pageant - Lori Lisi, Salamanca Falling Leaves Festival pageant coordinator, reported that Community Bank will sponsor this event for about \$500, however also stated that they not be approached for more financial support for bicentennial events. Ms. Lisi stated that it costs approximately \$500 to select only a Queen. Additional money id needed for each attendant selected. A vote was taken as whether the committee should pursue this event further. The results were 6-yes; 3-no; 7-obstained.

Calendar of Each Town's Activities - Ms. Abers reported her staff is contacting each of the municipalities requesting their list of community 2008 activities, a picture for the wall hanging, information for the county history book and which week they would like to be highlighted during the bicentennial celebration.

At 6:20 the Advisory Committee broke out into the various Subcommittees and Project Teams. At approximately 7:35 the Advisory convened for updated reports. They were:

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Mr. Moser stated that when submitting a budget for a project/event to first seek financial support from fundraising efforts, then request casino money and lastly and only if necessary request tax payer funds. If in your budget request you indicate donations will be used to offset the budget, those funds MUST be secured before other monies can be considered.

Fundraiser Ideas:

Bell Ringing – Mr. Schappacher reported a brass bell has been donated for the ringing with the understanding that after the bicentennial celebration it is to be donated to the County Museum and not to be melted down at any time. A support needs to be made for the bell to be placed on. With the use of a computer, the bell ringer would be photographed the second he rang the bell.

Wooden Nickels - Mr. Schappacher also reported that he has submitted a budget for wooden nickels. These wooden nickels would have the logo etched on one side with the event etched on the reverse side. The advisory committee requested more details for the next meeting.

**PROJECT TEAM UPDATES:**

Christmas Ornament – Mrs. Moser asked the committee when they wanted to start selling. Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to sell the ornament as soon as possible; motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mrs. Moser will report details at the next meeting.

County Fair & Olean Farm City Days – There is coverage for the Fair and Farm City Days. Fair passes were distributed to those volunteering.

County History Book: Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson reported that they will do the history pages for South Valley, Persia and Conewango as they do not have historians. They have received a quote and are seeking 2 more quotes. They will get sponsorships for pages to help with the cost. A pledge form needs to be developed.

Old Chautauqua Trail: Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson reported that they met with Bill Ferguson of Ferguson Printing to discuss set up and options. They received one quote; two more quotes are being requested according to County Purchasing policy.

Opening Event: After discussion, the Advisory Committee requested Ms. Opferbeck to research other available locations and associated costs and report back at the next meeting.

Equestrian Event: No report

Tours: No report

Onoville Marina Community Day: No report

**OTHER:**

**In an effort to better use the meeting time, Chairman Emmons reported that there will be a change in the meeting format. There will be a schedule of Project Teams and Subcommittees that will report with progress updates at each meeting. This schedule will be set up by the Executive Committee. The Finance Subcommittee will report at every meeting.**

Ms. Sedlak requested that the Salamanca parade, which is being planned as an event for the 2008 Falling Leave Festival, be part of the County Bicentennial celebration in which it would be listed among the events calendar. Charlie Schappacher, seconded by Bill Watson, made a motion to have the Salamanca Falling Leaves Festival Parade listed as an event of the County Bicentennial celebration. Carried unanimously by voice vote. There was discussion regarding insurance coverage. Mr. Searles is to discuss this matter with the County Attorney.

Mr. Boser reported that Mr. Searles and himself were scheduled to meet with St. Bonaventure University to discuss the details of the SBU men's basketball game scheduled for Saturday, January 5, 2008. Crystal Abers, seconded by Charlie Schappacher, made a motion to pursue this fundraising opportunity. Mr. Boser will report at the next meeting.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**August 13 – Salamanca Historical Museum – 125 Main Street, Salamanca**

**August 27 – The Dudley Hotel, Salamanca**

Ms. Sedlak, seconded by Mr. Martin, made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Accepted at the August 13, 2007 meeting.