



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007
MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Crystal Abers
Mary Elizabeth Dunbar
Sid Emmons, Chairman
Bruce Fredrickson
Maggie Fredrickson
Terry Martin
Tom Moser
Deb Opferbeck
Ann Padlo
Charles Schappacher
Bob Schaumleffel
Nancy Sedlak
Dixon Stevens
Bill Watkins
Gail Watkins

OTHERS:

Patricia Bromley, Leon Historian
Pat Bromley
Bonnie Hall
Jim & Dolly Little, The Crosspatch
Tom Livak, EDP&T Director
Cheryl O'Keefe, County Administrator's Office
Sandy Prior, Leon Historical Society
Jack Searles, County Administrator
Kathy Searles

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jack Searles in the Kings Memorial Library in Machias, New York. Introductions were made by those attending the meeting.

CALENDAR

The 3rd draft of the calendar was distributed for committee review for comments and additions/changes. It goes to the printer Friday, September 28th. It is expected to be back to sell by the first of November.

ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAME

J. Boser distributed the form to be used to order the tickets for the St. Bonaventure University Men's basketball game scheduled for January 5th, 4:00 pm in the Reilly Center. The customer will complete and submit, with payment, to the SBU ticket office (or Bicentennial Committee member). St. Bonaventure will mail the requested tickets to the customer. The form MUST be used for the University to donate the \$1.50 to the Bicentennial. The selling timeframe for the discounted tickets is September 24th - December 18. D. Opferbeck offered to create a poster to help promote in the various county buildings. Mr. Boser will inquire the possibility of selling bicentennial merchandise. He will report at the next meeting. If you would like more details, contact Jim Boser at 716-373-0006, Cheryl O'Keefe at 716-373-8030 or the SBU ticket office at 716-375-2500.

OPENING

D. Opferbeck reported that it was preferred to have the reception in the Town Hall or nearby. The County Legislature is scheduled to meet in the Ellicottville Town Hall at 3:00 p.m. and the reception to follow. BOCES culinary class has been contacted to prepare the food. M. Dunbar stated that we need to be out of the building by 5:00. She will inquire of the possibility of starting at 2:00. L. McCarthy reported that Foster's Pub, located on the corner of Main Street and walking distance from the Town Hall will charge

\$3.00/person for coffee, tea, cheese and crackers and a vegetable tray. There is an occupancy limit of 90 people. This will be looked into further and reported at next meeting.

DECEMBER 17TH MEETING

C. Schappacher made a motion, seconded by D. Opferbeck, to go with the Buffet style dinner at the Dudley for the December 17th meeting. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote. This will be a fundraiser sponsored by the Bicentennial Advisory Committee.

MERCHANDISE

The Bicentennial merchandise will be available this week in the County Center in Little Valley. There will be a display case in the main lobby of all available items with a price list. Purchase forms will be available. A completed purchase form with payment will be sent to Cheryl O'Keefe in the County Building in Olean. She will send the merchandise to the customer. The details to have merchandise available in the County Museum in Machias are being worked out.

WAGON TRAIN & STAGECOACH RUN

Jim Little reported that their fundraiser event was a success. Though it is not official, he reported they raised approximately \$4,000. They had about 80 people in attendance. They continue to work out the details of this event. They are requesting the towns in which they plan to camp to provide land to do so and to provide a dinner and breakfast for the core crew (10-15 people). D. Opferbeck, chair of the Public Relations Subcommittee, will be submitting a budget for advertising for this event. She has spoken with several of the local TV stations. Channels 4 & 23 had several suggestions. One being, what is the "hook" at each town. What special activity will be happening? These two channels would like to meet again to discuss how they and this event can partner to help promote this event.

BICENTENNIAL BOOK

M. Fredrickson reported that when a Committee member and/or Legislator sponsors a page it will be so noted. A presale history book special price was suggested.

OLD CHAUTAUQUA TRAIL BROCHURE

B. Fredrickson distributed for review the actual map that will be used for this trail. The map will include the Old Chautauqua Trail, old cemeteries and the Amish community will be shaded green. The brochure will now be 11 x 17 (ledger size).

TROLLEY

L. McCarthy brought to the Committee's attention that a \$400 deposit is necessary to reserve the trolley for the Santa Claus Lane Parade 2008. After much discussion it was the general consensus to wait for the response to the sponsorship packets.

SPONSORSHIP PACKET

C. O'Keefe reported that she received the first pledge call for a Silver sponsorship! To date, 432 packets have been mailed.

ORAL STORIES OF WWII VETERANS

This project was originally submitted as a bicentennial project. It was decided to have the County Museum take on this project. They have a partnership with BOCES to burn the CDs and create the labels. Three have been completed. It will be set up at the County Museum. It was suggested that copies of these be put in the time capsule.

TIME CAPSULE

C. Schappacher reported that there are several options in which to choose from. Mr. Searles suggested that each option be submitted with a reformed budget, noting that the cap for this is \$3,000.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

October 8 – St. Patrick School, 79 River Street, Salamanca

October 22 – County Center, Little Valley

November 5 – County Building, Olean

November 19 – Machias Library

December 3 – Salamanca Historical Museum

L. McCarthy, seconded by C. Schappacher, made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl O'Keefe

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