

Bicentennial Committee Minutes

April 7, 2015

PRESENT: Larry Gnau, Shirley Hillyard, Judy and Carl Brehm, Rob and Cheryl Parker, Sandy and Will Barnum, Katherine Humphrey, Dave Holmes, Rick Osiecki, Pastor Ray Shaw, Pat Willsea and Bill Morgan, Herb Tinney, Teri White, Steve Cowley, Judy Tripp-Neu

Meeting called together at 7:05 PM

Dave Holmes introduced as official representative from the Springwater Fire Department. Dave said the Fire Department is definitely making events for the centennial a priority and as of now, the 2016-2017 calendar is open.

Dave did say that the SFD is planning this year (2015) a Holiday weekend when the Springwater UMC holds their annual Christmas bazaar –

Teri asked Dave about dates for dances – Dave said he would bring calendar at next meeting, but August and October dates are fluid right now and nothing is scheduled for fire department.

Teri believes Valentine's Day themed dinner at Legion with dance might be a good fundraiser for February 2016 before actual Bicentennial begins. Legion would have to be on board

Events will include a Friday night hayride and Christmas Caroling, Fireman's Parade, Refreshments and caroling at Fire Hall – event similar to what the Sea Breeze Fire Department has held for several years.

Judy requested from Dave that April 18, 2016 be set aside for the rededication and visit from Senator Katharine Young and dignitaries. Small reception would follow after 1:00 p.m. presentation. That date has been reserved.

Larry Gnau stated the 2015 GALA for this year is June 7th – Pastor Ray asked why it is on a Sunday and not a Saturday and it was explained to him that Saturday's did not bring out many people and was not profitable. Steve stated that a church service in the park starts the GALA and Rob Parker stated he would get together with Pastor Ray to discuss UMC involvement.

Carl Brehm said he is looking into feasibility of having fireworks, but it appears Walther's land is now being used to graze horses and may not be available; another suggestion was the Fire Hall property but it also borders farm land and may not be feasible -

Herb Tinney stated the Fiddler's Fair Committee is still discussing their contribution to Bicentennial efforts and has not contacted all local musicians to determine availability and willingness to participate – Katherine suggested he should contact Harry Reynolds for information on local musicians and Ralph Hamilton who plays in three separate bands.

Herb also said he has not pursued the Square Dance event yet.

Katherine has not gathered info on farms yet, but Pat Willsea agreed to share sesquicentennial information with her on all of the identified farms, and Rick Osiecki said he is quite willing to document histories of longtime residents. Teri agreed to introduce Rick to Homer Fogle and Judy said she would check Katherine Mueller's status.

Diane offered that John Kerr and Colleen Liggett would be interested since John is a musician.

Steve said he received an e-mail from Jade Perkins Cotter indicating she would like to take on a hot dog contest or watermelon eating contest.

May 5, 2015 was decided for the next meeting; it is a GALA meeting also

Steve inquired about having the Legion host the parade for 2016' Pat said nothing has been discussed and the Legion has not committed to any event yet! Steve also said he would like to have a re-enactment group come either in the park or at the Fire Hall, but no commitment has been made for that either.

Banners and flags for main thoroughfares were discussed and Judy promised to bring info to next meeting. Katherine said hamlets should be identified. Steve said he thought the banner bought last year for GALA cost approximately \$300.

Steve indicated he will get poster info to everyone regarding the Chicken BBQ. Judy said she would send info to PennySaver for Calendar re: fundraiser

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All orders to go, but people can eat inside the park at one of the picnic areas.

Pat Willsea suggested having Music in the Park over a period of several weekends; grant has been looked into and more information is to follow.

Judy said her daughter is willing to make bracelets to sell for Bicentennial. No cost to town or committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Here are the answers for those planning events:

Dansville Dogwood Festival will run from May 8- 15, 2016

Potato Festival Wayland 2016 is August 27 - 28

Balloon Festival 2016 is scheduled for September 2, 3, and 4

Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival is either Sep 30-Oct 2 2016 or Oct 7 – 9, 2016