

Bicentennial & GALA Wrap-up Combined Committee Minutes

2015 Aug 4

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Moderators: Steve Cowley Moderator, Don Haywood and Larry Gnau

PRESENT: Diane Olson, Sandy Barnum, Judy and Carl Brehm, Sharon and Ron Ingraham, Terri White, Havilah Toland, Bill Morgan, Pat Willsea, Harvey Teed, Terry Lee Kuznicki, Don Walker, Brenda Haywood, Teresa Gnau, Katherine Humphrey and Judy Tripp-Neu

Only lost \$22.17 at 2015 GALA – Don passed out budget prepared by Brenda Haywood; Don said Jun 5th is set in stone for GALA; Car Show and Tractor Pull have set dates.

Need vendors – flyers should go out to vendors at upcoming festivals so they can plan to attend. Ron says solicit vendors at other events because they plan their next year's calendars during the winter based on the information they receive about upcoming events.

Steve said there is no commitment from the SFD regarding their participation in any of the Bicentennial or GALA events. If SFD would commit, then possibly June 4th could be planned as a second day event. Would be nice if SFD did a Water Ball; possibly have "Sparky" and other SFD-sponsored events. t asked about rides during the GALA. Don said reality is we cannot overspend because all of us on the committee will be held accountable;

Steve gave us financial report; Judy Tripp-Neu reported she earned \$82 from bake sale at Holiday Hill – money will be turned in on Thursday. Steve stated he still has money to turn in from Chicken BBQ and will add \$82 to it.

Also, some carnival rides, etc., require deposit and guarantees and we cannot do that. Steve stated that Fred Steinhart attended first meeting and has not returned. He has carnival contacts.

Need to advertise in newspapers for vendors for Art Show. Diane plans on asking for vendors for Arts & Craft Show in January and will put ads in her paper *The Lake Country Weekender*.

Discussion about parade – Memorial Day commemorates lost veterans and that parade is very local. Judy Tripp-Neu stated that Henry Marlowe has stated that he will organize a traditional Fireman's Parade on the Fourth of July weekend that could have floats, horses, and military groups and possibly celebrate past themes of previous Galas including saluting Farmers, EMT and Firemen's organizations. Steve said he has heard rumors that Henry will help, but he never attends meetings, and we need commitments by September 1st meeting.

Discussion about Fourth of July weekend – Judy Tripp-Neu said she would like to see if a Civil War Encampment could be held at Springwater Fire Department site because there is not enough space for parking if it is held at park. Steve said we should hold all events at Park, but a two-day encampment would not allow for adequate parking.

Discussion about fireworks and Judy Tripp-Neu said traditionally fireworks have been present at every significant celebration since the 1800s. Don Walker said he feels it is a big expense for people who do nothing to help. If we do have fireworks, it will simply be for those who have worked to make event possible.

Havilah Toland spoke and said we should all remember what the Bicentennial is about. It is about celebrating our history – the two hundred years of our existence. It is not just about having fun. We should be showcasing our town and its history before it disappears.

There was discussion about holding paid music events. Don Walker said the Wayland Legion is holding a Jamboree this weekend and the tickets are \$15 per person.

Carl Brehm said Young Fireworks displays have to be ordered no later than October. There is currently \$5,660.17 in GALA account. Possibly cheapest display would run \$3,000 and they can ask Young to delay the firing so it lasts longer. Problem is that John Walther has horses in his field and horses and fireworks do not mix. Judy Tripp-Neu asked about firing them from the fire house field. No one knows if that could be a secondary sight.

Don said if any money is left over from event, it will be donated to Wounded Warrior Project or some veterans' group as this will be the last GALA unless people come forward to run another one. Core people feel they are too old and tired to take on another event of this magnitude..

Don discussed possibility of Jack Osgood doing shirts if committee comes up with a logo. Most felt Logo for Bicentennial is sufficient for a shirt. Sandy Barnum stated people want children's sizes at reasonable prices. Brenda Haywood has dealt with Osgood for some time – he is out of Richburg—and can find out if he will do shirts so we can sell them at events.

Steve, Don and Larry Gnau all stated unless someone comes up with events for Saturday, GALA will only be a 1-day event – but they will see if vendors can come for 2 days in case.

Next meeting Sep 1 2015 7:00 PM Confirmations must be in on that date. Don said we will hold joint meetings in future.

Brenda only wants bills for Bicentennial approved before they come to her for payment. A huge discussion followed about what address should be used on invoices; discussion ensued because we need about 500 flyers printed for vendors to be distributed at Potato Festival, Balloon Festival, Cohocton Festival and Naples Grape Festival.

Judy Tripp-Neu asked why they could not be printed at town hall once Diane designs them and then have the cost deducted from the line item on the budget set up for town celebrations? Steve and Larry said no, it would have to be approved by Town Board and the allocations for the Bicentennial will only be in place in 2016 budget which goes into effect in January.

It was decided that all invoices should say Springwater Bicentennial and mailed to Town Hall because Steve is not sure Legion picks up mail regularly. Judy Tripp-Neu assured them that mail is picked up and should be addressed to Legion since committee is part of the Legion's Community Service Projects and bills could be handed to Steve. Steve vetoed that saying they are to be sent to Town Hall and approved by him and then sent to Brenda for payment. Brenda agreed to provide Diane with copy of Tax Exempt Certificate so printer will have it on file.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Judy G. Tripp-Neu
Secretary

ATTACHED: Springwater GALA Celebration
Final Budget Sheet