

Bicentennial Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

17 people present: Steve Cowley, Diane Olson, Herb Tinney, Judy and Carl Brehm, Don and Brenda Haywood, Sandy Payne, Terri White, Florence Perkins, Donna Walker, Pat Willsea and Bill Morgan, Gwendolyn Karen, Carolyn Tinney, Dean Faklis, MaryAnne Ries (Rochester Center), and Judy Tripp-Neu,

Town Councilman Steve Cowley moderated the meeting.

Representatives from the following organizations were represented by those present.

- Planning Board
- Springwater United Methodist Church
- Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church
- Springwater Trails Hiking Group
- Genesee Country Express
- The Lake Country Weekender
- The Amish Workshop
- Springwater Rod & Gun Club
- Fiddler's Fair
- Springwater~ Webster Crossing Historical Society
- Springwater American Legion Post 905

Once again Steve asked for someone to step forward and act as chairman/administrator for the committee. Don Haywood declined chairmanship saying he has a full plate and thinks as we get closer to the date, people will assume leadership positions.

Judy Tripp-Neu nominated by Terri White for secretary position – unanimous ayes. Steve asked that formal minutes be retained for each meeting.

Steve read list of projects discussed thus far and committed chairman for each item where it has been established:

Art Show – Diane Olson

Farm Tours – Katherine Humphrey

Square Dance -- Herb & Carolyn Tinney

Car Show – Ron & Sharon Ingraham

Gun Club – Open House – Steve Cowley

Sweetheart Dance/Masked Ball – Terri White

Re-enactments – Judy Tripp-Neu

Essay Contest – Springwater- Webster Crossing Historical Society

Children's Activities – Sandy Payne

Tent Revival – Local church pastors but we have had no status report

Town Photo – Judy agreed to contact RIT as they do special projects during the semesters

BBQ - Steve and Larry would require help but Steve said this would be a great fundraiser; Terri and Judy stated they would assist by getting tickets and posters distributed to Holiday Hill, and Tamarack's on-site stores; stores, Rauber's, etc.

Other possible projects that still need a coordinator include:

Parade – Judy sent notice to Michelle Nadeau to ask if SFD would consider hosting an “old-fashioned” fireman’s parade with antique equipment, Katherine Humphrey had previously suggested adding old farm implements and equipment to the parade also;

Vendors – Fred mentioned checking this out at October 2013 meeting – need update on status

Home Tours –Pastor Ray Shaw had suggested this in October but we have no status report

Town Yard Sale - Pat Willsea discussed this and said people could register to hold their yard sales and a map could be distributed showing people where they were located
Harvest Festival – Pat said it would be nice to include the tent revival, harvest festival, possibly a box lunch raffle as one weekend’s event. She explained the “box lunch” raffle as something that would be unique as a fundraiser and add some levity to the project..

Diane Olson declined handling two projects and felt she could put together an excellent art show exhibit. Terri White agreed to work on the LOGO contest. Money was discussed as a possible incentive for getting people involved.

(UPDATE: Anonymous donor has agreed to pay \$50 as First Prize, \$25 as Second Prize and \$10 towards dinner at Mr. C's Restaurant as incentives.)

Sale of ephemera was discussed including: t-shirts, mugs, banners as a way of making money for the project. Sandy Payne offered to assist Terri White in researching what it would cost to have items made up. Sandy has contacts through her work. Judy offered to assist Terri as she also has some contacts in these fields. These items could be sold at local store, Gala on June 8, Amish Work Shop (?), Legion, and at all public events to raise funds for other projects).

MaryAnne Ries, Representative from Rochester Center said they will participate with Open House tours and possibly put on a fundraiser at their site for this project.

Discussed the need for establishing legal conduit to accept money (grants, donations) and fund this project; Steve talked about 501-3c possibility and Judy suggested asking if

Town Attorney might recommend establishing a line item to accept funds. Judy stated she is reviewing possible fund sources but we need to know how to fill out applications either under the Town of Springwater or as part of an umbrella group.

Don Haywood said there are insurance riders that will have to be cleared for every venue so if the town is sued it will not go bankrupt. Don also stated that insurance is expensive and Steve reiterated the town wants NO debt when this event is completed.

Florence Perkins said that when the Sesquicentennial Celebration was held in 1967, the Springwater Fire Department organized it and most of the activities were coordinated through their department which is a 501-3c. Don pointed out that the GALA Committee is part of the Springwater American Legion and has run since its inception under the umbrella of Springwater American Legion Post 905 because initially it was to honor the family members of the French Underground who rescued George Tripp, Jr during WWII in France. He also stated there are several 501-3c(s) in town: the Kern-Robinson Springwater American Legion Post 905, the Springwater-Websters Crossing Historical Society; the Springwater Fire Department, and the churches.

Steve stated he hoped the SWCHS would participate in the bicentennial and Donna Walker said it had been discussed. At the present time, the society expects to keep the museum open for tours and visitors, feature displays about businesses that existed in our town: e.g. Cannon & Miller C.F. "Camco" Company, Miller Lure Company, Guthrie Stone, etc. also will hold an essay contest, and would like people to submit their genealogies to the museum.

Herb Tinney suggested that a "steering committee approach" be taken to overseeing the project. Steve agreed that as the committee chairmen get their crews together (friends who probably are not attending regular meetings but are willing to assist) the main objective would be for the chairmen to report and bring any concerns or needs to the attention of the committee so ideas could be solicited, and/or funds needed to pay for any materials. Steve agreed saying his thoughts are that individual groups plan events and come to the Town Bicentennial Committee for help and advice if needed.

Diane Olson also promised free advertising in her paper and promised she will continue to talk up the cultural aspects of this event to get more people interested. Judy promised to give the same attention in the *Genesee Country Express*.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM – June meeting conflicts with GALA.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy G. Tripp-Neu