

Bicentennial Committee Minutes

2015 February 3

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Steve Cowley Moderator

Present: Steve Cowley, Diane Olson, Judy and Carl Brehm, Rick Osiecki, Sandy Barnum, Terri White, Herb Tinney, Larry Gnau and Judy Tripp-Neu

Meeting opened with Steve stating he believes we need to do some fundraising; he and Larry have decided a Chicken BBQ is in order on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the pavilion in the Larry Canute Memorial Park. Chicken still has to be priced; dinner will include salt potatoes, baked beans, and roll. General consensus is to sell 150 dinners. Steve says help will be needed to sell dinners on May 2nd during the afternoon.

Terri White reported she is still working on a Sock Hop and a Halloween Ball; is looking to have them either at the Legion or Fire Hall. Sock Hop would be in August and Halloween Ball would be ideally on October 22nd, 2016.

Rick Osiecki reported that the Hemlock website now has a special section dedicated to all things pertinent to Springwater's Bicentennial.

Carl Brehm reported that Deb Perkins, English teacher at WCCS, is interested in having an essay contest on Springwater. She can be reached through the school's e-mail at DPerkins@wccsk12.org and will be notified of future meetings to see if we can lend assistance to her. Diane suggested opening essay contest to anyone. Theme should be "Springwater is a good place to live"..

Herb Tinney reported that the Fiddler's Fair is scheduled for September 19th, 2015 and proceeds may be donated toward Bicentennial expenses. Also, there is a possibility of having some of the musicians perform during the Bicentennial. Herb also stated he would help with caroling during Christmas 2016 at town square site. Steve suggested asking Church of the Nazarene choir to participate. I will also see if WCCS school choir(s) can participate.

Herb also stated that he has recently learned there are several people in the area familiar with square dancing and is exploring possibility of having a square dance during the Bicentennial.

Diane Olson offered advertising for the Chicken BBQ; she also wants to have Art Show at Fire Hall the same weekend as the 2016 GALA. Discussion was held on possibility of having a 2-day GALA in 2016 on July 2nd and 3rd. Steve said perhaps an Old Fashioned Town Picnic could be held on July 4th 2016 with a dish-to-pass and hot dogs and watermelon cooled in the creek.

Steve reported that Brenda Haywood is keeping track of all donations and fundraisers, expenses and monies in general under the GALA account.

Steve also asked Judy to find out if Legion is planning a big event for 2016 Memorial Day; re-enactors, parade, etc. Judy stated she would talk to Scott further and see if Legion is onboard to have a nice event.

Judy Brehm reported that Pastor Cheryl Parker has had contact with Pastor Ray Shaw (who is presently ill) and will have more to report at next meeting re: church services.

Judy Tripp-Neu will do posters for Chicken BBQ and tickets that will be sold by members of the Bicentennial Committee. Tickets will be ready at next meeting.

Larry reported that GALA for 2015 is June 7th. June 6th is set-up day. Park has been reserved.

Steve reported that he is anticipating retiring from county in late June 2015. He is looking to relocate and will make sure there is a new liaison from board appointed when his plans are finalized.

Next Bicentennial Meeting is Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Date is tentative as Steve could not find calendar to officially reserve that date.

Notifies will be made by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy G. Tripp-Neu
Secretary