

Bicentennial Committee Minutes
2015 May 5
Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM
Steve Cowley Moderator

Minutes for Combined **GALA/BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES**

PRESENT: Don Haywood, Brenda Haywood, Pastor Ray, Diane Olson, Katherine Humphrey, Rick Osiecki, Pat Hillyard, Pat Willsea, Bill Morgan, Sandy Barnum, Judy and Carl Brehm, Pastors Rob and Cheryl Parker, Larry Gnau, Harvey Teed, Don Walker, Erin Moore, Terri Lee Kuznicki and Judy Tripp-Neu

Don stated thus far very few vendors (only two) have responded/few crafts people; \$25 vendor fee; not-for-profits are free

Tents are ready

Set up is Saturday June 6 – prisoners will be fed; Sharon Ingraham says food is under control

Kyle and Gerald Mason expressed an interest in doing a Street Dance but Legion wants it in front of building and neighbors do not; discussion followed and it was disclosed that past two years law enforcement personnel have been called in to settle problems and neighbors are “fed up.” Also trash was left in yards and that has left a sour taste in the neighborhood.

Mason brothers do not want equipment at the Park – Legion may sponsor inside Street Dance, according to Pat Hillyard, who indicated she is representing the Legion and reporting back to them. Neighbors are the main concern; Judge pointed out that neighbors are aging and are less inclined to have the noise and troublemakers around their homes.

Carl went on record that GALA will not support street dance – Too much of an attractive nuisance, and kids not behaving.

A concession might be to check with Masons and see if they will do something the day of the GALA; provide music during the event, etc.

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Steve stated that 125 chicken halves ordered for Bicentennial BBQ – only 42 paid tickets were turned in.

Ron Ingraham reported on the Car Show status – trophies ordered, invites out but only 2 returns so far.

Don Walker reported that Antique Tractor Pull under control

Diane Olson reported that ad will be in Summer Guide; she also complained that there was confusion about ad that was placed in GCE PennySaver and wants to do all advertising for Bicentennial. Don Haywood stated Randy Chiverton, a town resident,

does commercial advertising, but Diane Olson stated she is a professional Graphic Designer.. Committee agreed that future advertising will be handled only by her.

Don stated posters have been ordered

Erin Moore handling sign up for workers for GALA Chicken BBQ;

Sharon reported that the Livingston County Sheriff's Office will have the Command Center present and Seat Belt Checks will be available during GALA event. She also gave out copies of proposed schedule of events for GALA.

Erin asked about and Larry confirmed that water for GALA will be available during Chicken BBQ; Don stated much depends on success of Chicken BBQ for 2016 start-up money for 2016 GALA Dinners will cost \$9 per person.

Sailor Fred Steinhart sold his vendor business – his friend may be coming in.

Judy Tripp-Neu offered that Cathy Tripp and her would work until 1:00 -1:30 or until relieved at Chicken BBQ for Bicentennial event.

A discussion ensued about having fireworks. Carl Brehm stated they cost over \$3K for 20 minutes worth of entertainment, and Don stated Walther's property is being used for agriculture and is not available. Don Walker seemed to think it was not worth the investment since so few people appear to support the GALA. No decisions were made and discussion was tabled for future consideration and comments.

Important Meeting Dates:

2015 GALA Committee meets for last time on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Town Hall 7:00 PM

Next Bicentennial Committee Meeting July 7, 2015 at Town Hall 7:00 PM

GALA 2016 has been set for June 5, but many people have asked about the Fourth of July weekend; Don Haywood said "people are tired and it seems there is little interest in continuing the GALA"; Sharon and Ron said they will only do it for one more year and then plan to move; Haywood stated people are getting older and are tired and few young people seem interested in picking up the reins. Carl and Judy Brehm agreed.

Cheryl Parker and Pastor Shaw both agreed that Old-fashioned Tent Revival meeting should not be held the same weekend as 2016 GALA

Councilperson Pat Willsea reported that Town is purchasing banners for Bicentennial

Historical Society wants to identify historical buildings in town and put it together;

Money from BBQ will give committee some working capital

The question was asked if the Bicentennial Committee has someone to act as treasurer. As long as Legion is ok with it, Brenda Haywood agreed to keep financial records for the Bicentennial Committee and generate all end-of-year reports for Legion and their

Auditor with the proviso that someone from the committee will transport the money to the bank. Steve Cowley agreed to take the money to the bank to do deposits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM