



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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**Portage County Bicentennial Committee
December 12, 2007
Minutes**

Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Kerry Macomber; **City** of Kent-Christine Craycroft; **Townships** of Deerfield-Bill Westover, Edinburg – Charlene Badger, Freedom-Sallie Hubeny, Hiram- Judy Wilson, Palmyra-Sam Vechter, Randolph-Becky Carter, Rootstown–Paul Galido & Shirley Riemenschneider; Shalersville-Deb Mazanec, Suffield-Ginger Sayer, Windham-Brian Miller and Gayle Poots; **Villages** of Brady Lake-Mayor Lehman & Jim Hostler **Guests:** Kim Lustritz, My LifePlan, Inc., Ramona Stamm, KSU and Guy Perneti, Portage County Historical Society

Excused Absence: Cities of Aurora and Tallmadge; Townships of Charlestown, Franklin, Mantua, Windham; Village of Garrettsville, Hiram and Mogadore

Unrepresented: City of Ravenna and Streetsboro; Townships of Atwater, Brimfield, Nelson and Paris; Village of Mantua and Sugar Bush Knolls

Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the Committee and provided an update on the Portage 100, which will be a listing of 100 “best” things of Portage County printed in a limited run and presented as a gift to the attendees at the Opening Gala. The Committee offered suggestions for additions and/or corrections to the list.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 14, 2007 minutes was moved by Mr. Vector; seconded by Mayor Lehman. Upon verbal vote, motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Opening Gala (1/19/2008): Ms. Mazanec reported that 86 tickets have been sold, the menu has been finalized and the flowers ordered. Ms. Sayre reported that only three items have been received for the silent auction and requested that each committee



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member donate one or two baskets, which could be sponsored by community businesses.

Coloring Contest (4/12/2008): Ms. Macomber reported that the KSU Ballroom was not available to the Circle K group on the date needed and that other venues are being investigated. A letter will go out to the schools after the Holiday break.

Finance: No meeting or financial activity to report on.

Memorial Recognition (5/17/2008): Ms. Riemenschneider reported that she is still contacting the sextons and community leaders for names. Once she has a schedule determined, she will notify the appropriate Committee member.

Birthday Celebration (6/9/2008): Mr. Cheplowitz reported on behalf of Ms. Shock. He distributed a budget and asked for input from Ms. Wilson as to the accuracy. Ms. Wilson reported the Parade Committee will meet on 1/7/07 to discuss specific language in the applications as to the rules and the qualifying entries. Ms. Mazanec suggested the Balloon A-Fair guidelines could be used as a reference.

Time Capsule (12/13/2008): Ms. Riemenschneider contacted Mr. MacLearie regarding his progress on the project. She suggested using a 55-gal plastic drum that could be stored at a public building, such as the Portage County Administration Building.

Road Show: The Recycling Center needed to reclaim the trailer that they have loaned us and the box is now at the Recycling Center. The Acting Director of the Recycling Center will contact the County engineer about storing it there. Mr. Westover noted only six more communities are needed to complete the project. He brought the posters for display at the Opening Gala.

Marketing: Mr. Cheplowitz noted the Marketing Committee will meet with Andrew Dix next Tuesday to discuss the best way to promote. There is an idea to promote the “Portage 100” through a geocaching activity. Ms. Craycroft offered a brief description of this new, electronic treasure hunt utilizing geographical coordinates. Mr. Cheplowitz also discussed the historic tab that the Record Courier will produce much like the one they provided for the Ravenna and the Kent Bicentennial. They have asked that we provide potential sponsors for advertising in this publication to



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help offset the costs. Committee members should bring potential company contacts and addresses to the next meeting.

Heritage Tours: Ms. Craycroft discussed how the Park District envisions the year-long initiative to further increase the visibility of the Park District while simultaneously participating in and promoting the Bicentennial. Mr. Cheplowitz encouraged Ms. Craycroft to complete the Application for the Use of the Portage County Bicentennial Logo.

Merchandising: There has not been enough interest in ordering merchandise from the Committee members to make it cost effective to order a variety. The Polo Shirt has received the most orders. Mr. Cheplowitz asked for a hand vote has to then number of committee members present who would order polo shirts if that was the only item available. There was a majority indicating an interest. Ms. Macomber will speak with the Merchandising Chair about pricing on just this one piece.

Sponsorships: Mr. Cheplowitz and Ms. Macomber met with the President of the Cleveland Indians and reported that it was likely there would be a basket for the Silent Auction and perhaps a Portage County day at the stadium. Mr. Cheplowitz also reported that he has met with a significant contributor in the area but is reserving further information until final commitments have been reached.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Lustritz discussed the mission of My LifePlan, Inc. and invited the Committee to the upcoming training seminar on December 13, 2007.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Coleman Professional Services Sue Hetrick Building, 3922 Lovers Lane (aka Loomis Pkwy), Ravenna OH 44266.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kerry Macomber