

**Portage County Bicentennial Committee
September 14, 2005
Minutes**

Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mark Cheplowitz (Chairman); Kerry Macomber (Portage County); George Horvat (Aurora); Bill Westover (Deerfield Twp); Nicholar Ehlert (Mantua Twp); Sam Vechter (Palmyra Twp); Wayne Enders (Ravenna Twp); Shirley Riemenschneider (Rootstown Township); Dorothy Caldwell (Shalersville Twp); Don MacLearie (Shalersville Twp); Brian Miller (Windham Twp); Teri Eiermann (Village of Garrettsville); Roger Cram (Village of Hiram); Mary Pallone (Village of Mantua); Jim Beal (Village of Sugar Bush Knolls); Marian Garrett (Village of Windham)

Approval of Minutes

Upon verbal vote, the minutes of August 10, 2005, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Community Events

The following list of new and existing events where the Bicentennial Committee should have a presence was identified:

Grow during the Bicentennial Year	Appear at Existing Events
Bicentennial Party (Talent Show, Cake and Fireworks)	Windham Twp – Fun in the Sun, 1 st Weekend in August
Homecoming (Religious)	Garrettsville - Summer Faire – Father’s Day Weekend in June
Historical Tour	Mantua Twp – Potato Festival – September
Opening Gala w/community vignettes	Randolph Twp – Heritage Festival – last weekend in September
Economic Development Event	Aurora – 4 th of July Parade
Time Travel – Summer River Canoe trip highlighting events from the past 200 years	Ravenna Twp – Balloon Affair – 3 rd Week of September
Cemetery Tour (Veterans)	Sugar Bush Knolls - Ice Cream Social – Last Sunday in July
Education (Art Contest/Essay)	Deerfield – Apple Butter Stir – 2 nd Saturday in October
Historical Air Show/Transportation	Rootstown – Settlers’ Day – 1 st Sat in September
Historical Christmas Home Tours	Brimfield – Brimfest – September

Golf Tournament, Fun Run, 26-mile marathon, carry the torch relay	Portage County Randolph Fair – 3 rd week in August
Community Chorale/Band	Brady Lake - Captain Brady Days – 2 nd Saturday in July
All nations food festival	
Write and produce play	
Antique/craft/quilt show	
Kid's events (Create coloring book)	
Black stocking baseball game of the 1800's	
Legacy event (donation or scholarship in perpetuity)	
Historical markers (signage) along hike/bike trail	
Video-documentary/Table-top book of the year's events	
Time Capsule	
Parade Float	
Agricultural/Tractor Show	
Community Cookbook	

Committees

The following Committees and Chairs were identified:

1. **Historical** - Shirley Riemenschneider; Committee members: Wayne Enders, Jim Beal
2. **Events Leader** – Teri Eierman
3. **Agricultural** – Kerry Macomber
4. **Cookbook** – Samuel Vechter
5. **Road Show** – Bill Westover
6. **Sports** – George Horvat
7. **Educational/Tour** – Roger Cram
8. **Transportation** – Roger Cram

Action Committee

The following Action Committees and Chairs were identified:

1. **Marketing** – Roger Cram
2. **Entertainment** – Marian Garrett; Committee members: Bill Westover
3. **Merchandising** – Teri Eiermann
4. **Food** – Mary Pallone; Committee members: Dorothy Caldwell
5. **Equipment** (Tables, rentals, etc)
6. **Funding** – Mark Cheplowitz
7. **Public Outreach** (Non-Profit/Churches) – Brian Miller

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Coleman Professional Services Sue Hettrick Building at 3922 Lovers Lane (aka Loomis Pkwy), Ravenna OH 44266, located behind the Robinson Memorial Hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Macomber