



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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Portage County Bicentennial Committee August 13, 2008 *Minutes*

Attendance

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

Present: Portage County – Charlene Badger; **Cities of:** Tallmadge; **Townships of:** Deerfield-Bill Westover, Edinburg-Richard Badger, Franklin-Marilyn Sessions, Hiram-Judy Wilson, Mantua-Mark Hall, Palmyra-Sam Vector, Randolph-Becky Carter, Ravenna-Wayne Enders, Rootstown-Paul Galido, Shirley Riemenschneider, Windham-Brian Miller; **Villages of:** Brady Lake-Mayor Lehman and Jim Hostler, Mogadore-Jamie Cordier and Windham-Kelly Meszaros.

Absent: Cities of Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro; Townships of Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Freedom, Nelson, Paris, Shalersville and Suffield; Villages of Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua, Sugar Bush Knolls and Mr. Cheplowitz.

Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Badger welcomed the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 9, 2008 minutes was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Enders. Ms. Alexander requested a correction, stating that she was listed as both present and absent, and was present. Upon verbal vote, motion passed unanimously.

Finance:

Ms. Carter reported that the committee approved expenditures to Record Publishing, Akron Black Stockings Base Ball, bottled water purchase and for bales of hay for the game. The finances are running very well and in the black.

Marketing:

Ms. Cordier reported that ads were in the Record Courier and weekly newspapers for the Black Stockings game. A photo was in the Record Courier of Mr. and Mrs. Keiper, Mr. Smeiles and Mrs. Hostler at the Cleveland Indians Bicentennial Night.

Ms. Badger reported that the \$10,000 in free advertising that was donated by the Record Courier had been used up and we paid for the



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last ads in the Record Courier, but they are only charging us the charity rate.

Sponsorships:

We will be getting a check from the Cleveland Indians from our ticket sales.

Committee Reports:

Cleveland Indians Night (7/25/2008)

Mr. Lehman reported the Cleveland Indians Bicentennial Night at Progressive Field was a success and a lot of fun. They enjoyed the parade around the field, and the seats were good at that price.

Black Stocking Baseball Game (8/16/2008).

Mr. Badger reported everything is set for the Black Stockings game v. Portage Bicentennial Locals. There are 13 players committed so far, from all around the county. All townships were given the opportunity to participate. The Director of Stan Hywet Hall is in charge of the Black Stockings vintage team. There will be free admission. There is no rain date. Ads have been in the papers. Our team will meet at 11:00 am to go over the information and will meet at Noon with the Black Stockings to learn the 1860's rules.

Time Capsule:

Ms. Riemenschneider showed the committee the time capsule which is a new, blue, plastic, industrial strength barrel. It will be tightly sealed and there also will be a ceremonial sealing. Ms. Badger will send her the jpeg of the Portage County flag and Bicentennial logo to put on the barrel. It will hold what was advertised for the contest, the timeline, Commissioner Keiper's speech from the Birthday Party, the county annual report, the Portage 100 booklet, the county flag that was on the courthouse at the Birthday Party, newspapers from the birthday party, the listing of high school seniors from the newspaper, a bank annual report, a coin from a township bicentennial, and more. Contents may be in archival bags, as used by the Portage Historical Society. It will be on the first floor of the Historical Society. Mr. Vector offered to build and donate a wrought iron stand. The committee was very appreciative. Letters will be sent to our sponsors to write letters to their counterpart in 2108. Her proposed budget will be brought to the Finance Committee next month.



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Historical Play:

Ms. Badger reported many schools have confirmed their interest in having the historical play. She has been in contact with the playwright about the dates and arrangements. She will send a list of the dates to the committee when finalized.

Legacy/Literary Project:

Ms. Alexander will have a booth at the fair in the 4H building. She has had many more stories coming in.

Road Show:

Mr. Westover is continuing to schedule more dates for the Road Show at fairs and parades. It has been out nearly every weekend. It has been drawing a lot of attention, and the posters could be donated back to the communities when the Road Show is over and possibly the frame given back to Maplewood. He investigated a donation from Mountain Tarp for a tarp replacement for the Road Show, but what they had was for heavy industrial use and would not work out. He purchased a tarp at Tractor Supply for \$60. Purchase of a tarp was approved by the Committee at the July meeting. We do not have a space at the Portage County Fair, but Deerfield Farms has offered to let the Road Show be parked in their area, where they will have farm vehicles. It is a main aisle at the fair with a lot of traffic. He requested the Committee have a sign made to put at the location, thanking Deerfield Farms for their gracious offer. Ms. Sessions moved and Mr. Vector seconded spending up to \$100 on a small sign, similar to a political yard sign. Motion carried. Ms. Badger will order it and have the Bicentennial logo on it.

Bicentennial Endorsed Events:

Mr. Miller reported that the Fun in the Sun event was in the newspaper, and over 400 attended.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Badger