



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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Portage County Bicentennial Committee May 13, 2009 Minutes

Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Portage County Administration Building Public Meeting Room by Chair Mark Cheplowitz.

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Charlene Badger; **Townships** of Franklin – Marilyn Sessions, Hiram- Judy Wilson, Mantua-Mark Hall, Palmyra-Sam Vechter, Ravenna-Wayne Enders, Rootstown- Shirley Riemenschneider; **Villages** of Brady Lake-Jim Hostler and Hal Lehman, Finance Committee - Carol Kurtz.

Absent: Cities of Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro and Tallmadge; Townships of Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Deerfield, Edinburg, Freedom, Nelson, Randolph, Shalersville, Suffield, Windham; Villages of: Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua, Sugar Bush Knolls and Windham.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Dec. 10, 2008 minutes was moved by Ms. Wilson; seconded by Mr. Lehman. Upon verbal vote, motion passed unanimously.

Finance: It was moved by Sam Vector and seconded by Marilyn Sessions to void the check written to Judy Wilson last year, as she did not receive it, and write her a new check for \$5.64 as reimbursement for supplies and to authorize a check to reimburse Shirley Riemenschneider for \$30.50 for purchase of a cemetery plaque. Motion carried.
Revenue and Expenditures Recap: Mr. Musci of the Finance Committee and Mr. Cheplowitz reconciled the bank account Feb. 11. The two checks noted above will be deducted for the final accounting.

Events/Activities:

Time Capsule (12/13/2008): Ms. Riemenschneider reported there was a very nice turn-out for the event Dec. 13. Commissioner Chuck Keiper and Historical Society President Guy Perneti sang the “Portage 100” song and Commissioner Smeiles and Frederick also presented Mr. Cheplowitz with a plaque recognizing his work. A great variety of



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items were placed in the Time Capsule including letters from a lot of students. The Time Capsule will be stored on the second floor of the Portage County Historical Society Museum. She thanked the Society for their help and Mr. Vector for building the stand for the Time Capsule.

Discussion of the surplus Bicentennial account funds: The committee members each spoke on their ideas for the surplus funds. It was also noted that emails were sent in by seven members that could not attend, expressing their opinion on where the funds should go. Based on those emails, Mr. Cheplowitz spoke with Mr. Perneti, President of the Historical Society to present ideas: Mr. Cheplowitz suggested that due to the difficulty of the soon to be disbanded Portage County Bicentennial Committee administering the following concepts, tasks, and suggestions, we give all the remaining funds to the Historical Society requesting that they adopt and execute the following:

1. That some be used as a scholarship or educational package, depositing the money and using the interest.
2. Pay to record the songs from the Bicentennial Children’s Play at a professional studio as we have had many requests for the songs. The Society would be in charge of updating the technology of the recordings when needed.
3. Take on the Legacy Project and
4. Get a plaque as had been discussed previously.

Mr. Enders said the Historical Society has a five acre campus with many buildings housing historical items and are constructing an Indian trail. Ms. Kurtz said that if the society is responsible for monitoring this, there should be an amount set aside for their time and record keeping. Other discussion was held.

Mr. Vector moved and Ms. Riemenschneider seconded, to give the remaining Bicentennial Committee funds of \$21,755.09 to the Portage County Historical Society with the recommendations of spending funds on the following:

1. Some of the funds for educational purposes in perpetuity,
 2. Buying the studio time to record the cast of “My Portage World” singing the songs from the Bicentennial Children’s Play with copies to be given to the county elementary schools
 3. Management of the on-going Legacy Project
 4. Purchase of a granite or brass plaque recognizing the Bicentennial.
- Motion carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Enders abstaining.



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Mr. Cheplowitz advised there would be no possible way to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting because we are about to disband the Committee and thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Adjournment

Mr. Enders moved and Mr. Lehman seconded adjournment of the meeting and disbanding the Portage County Bicentennial Committee. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Badger