

Bicentennial Committee
July 21, 2009

Present: Jim Cornwell, Pam Smith, Pennie Smith, Jeri Deyo, Priscilla Curtis, Wendy Johnson

Absent: Nancy Blackmer, Rick Kwiatkowski, Jill Kwiatkowski,

Friends: Judy Cornwell, Bob Barrus, Carol Lauriat, Don Risatti, Mike Ruocco, Dave Flint, Pat Conrad-Wexler

I. Minutes June 16, 2009 Meeting

Pennie moved to accept the minutes of the previous minutes with one change: The date should read July 7, 2009 instead of June 16, 2009. Wendy seconded the motion. Vote: 6 in favor; none opposed.

II. Wine Update

Carol discussed the wine project and provided an update. She has decided on the photos to be used with the four wines: California Chardonnay – White Drum; Merlot – Minute Tapioca; Sauvignon Blanc – Wheeler Mansion; Napa Red Blend Burgundy – Bandstand. A four-pack will sell for \$60.00 with a limited number being sold. The wines will be sold in local package stores. She will use the Bicentennial Logo on the Napa Red Blend Burgundy. Carol requested approval for her to sign the agreement with Grape Surfer. Jim moved to have Carol be responsible for the project and be authorized to sign the agreement with our backing. Pat seconded the motion. Vote: 6 in favor; none opposed.

III. Dinner by the River Update

Judy reported that ticket sales are going well, but we still need help selling them. She said the original plan was to try to sell 100 and if they went quickly we would try to sell more. If they are all sold by August 1st, we can get another 50 or 25 to sell. Dave Flint offered his 12'X20' canopy. Jim talked to J.J. on July 10th and he needs a check for 50% of the cost. J.J. plans to build the lasagna on Friday at 1:00 p.m. and would like 5 people to help. On Saturday he will need 5 people at noon. We should set up a souvenir table by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. J.J. will call Jeri to set up an appointment to look at the church. We will need committee members to take down and clean up as well. Pat, Bob, Carol, Don, Pennie, and Pam volunteered to help on Saturday afternoon.

IV. Lion's Summerfest

The Lion's Summerfest will be held on June 19, 2010. They are hoping to get permission from Mahar to have the fireworks on their grounds. Rick will contact the Superintendent when he returns from vacation. Dave has talked to

Atlas and they said they would be able to set them off at the school as long as they approve it. They would need to use the area where the football field was prior to the new school and fields. A snow fence will need to be erected across the field. If they do it at the far end by the bleachers, they will need to use a smaller shell. If it is done at the opposite end, they can use a bigger shell. We can decide at a later date. It was noted that the Athol Fire Department donates their services when fireworks are set off in Athol. We will need to check into this for Orange. If we are allowed to use Mahar property, the event will be held on June 19th. If not, we won't have it at all. We are looking for a major sponsor. We will need to have electricity provided on that field. We will need to spend at least \$7,000.00.

V. WJDF Celebration

The Anniversary Celebration for WJDF Radio Station will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Like last year, they will block off the area uptown on East and South Main Streets from Water Street to Depot Street. Shamrock Motors has paid for the trophies for the car club. The Bicentennial Breakfast will be that morning. Our committee needs to set up a souvenir table. Dave Flint offered his canopies for this event as well but will be on vacation so would need to know ahead.

VI. Calendar Update

The calendars are at the printer's. We have ordered 750 to be sold at \$10.00 each. We may have some to sell at the Dinner by the River. If they are not ready yet, the calendars will be ready for September 1st.

VII. Bicentennial Dance

Jeri, Pam, and Pennie will meet on July 29, 2009 to discuss the Bicentennial Dance.

VIII. Banners

Jim talked to Gary Pond. He talked to Lyman signs and is getting more information from them regarding putting a banner across South Main Street and also putting flags on the bridge. Gary will be at the next meeting.

IX. Map

Jim showed the layout for the maps that are being printed up. The map will include ads and information and locations of Bicentennial events. Mike should have the necessary information by September so he can start working on it. The map will go to the printer to be printed up by Thanksgiving. The covers are a satin finish, but not a high gloss. There will be two printings. One will be the cover and then the map. Following that, we will need to have a work party to glue the two together. The cost is \$2,778.52 for 2,500 maps. We need to allow two weeks for printing. Jim will oversee the map project.

X. Breakfast

Those that volunteered for the next Bicentennial Breakfast on August 1, 2009 were Jim, Judy, and Pat.

XI. Henley Exhibit Update

Pat has paper we may be able to use to cover the floor. She will bring it to our next meeting so that we can look at it and decide. Cindy will attend the next meeting to update us. We would also like to sell postcards of “then” and “now” at the exhibit.

XII. Bicentennial Blast Update

Priscilla reported that Len Bedaw has sent a letter confirming use of the Airport property for the Bicentennial Blast on July 17, 2010.

XIII. Slencil Pens/Calendars

Cindy will discuss this at the next meeting.

XIV. Starry Starry Night

We need to think about what to sell at the Starry Starry Night celebration.

XV. Doo Wop Show

Jim will report on the Doo Wop Show at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Bicentennial Committee will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson