

Sesquicentennial Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020 @ 9:30 am

Sanford Senior Center, 3243 N West River Rd

Members present: Chuck Dinsmore, Marlene Glinski, Doug Cellini, Lon Wackerle, Craig Carmoney, Linda Fisher, Sue and Tom Muto, Rick Goodwin, Jay Ketover, John Billingsley, Denise Cole, Susan Blake, Mark Authier and Dennis Sian.

A. Organization of Committee:

- a. Chairman: Chuck Dinsmore
- b. Vice-chairs: Lon Wackerle and Marlene Glinski
- c. Secretary: Linda Fisher
- d. Treasurer: Sue Muto
- e. Publicity: open

B. Scope Report- Chuck Dinsmore – reached out to Lee Township, Lincoln Township, Edenville Township. Have not reached Hope Township. Jerome Township is onboard.

C. Proclamation by Governing Bodies: Jerome Township passed proclamation at their meeting last night. Mike Woods will get a copy to Chuck. The Village meeting is Monday and Chuck will attend.

D. King & Queen, Prince & Princess – Denise Cole, has someone getting in touch with Kathy Worsley who lives in Florida. Also contacting Brad Gordon who lives in Sanford.

E. Activities List Assignments: Chuck showed a copy of the 1970 Sanford Centennial Book. An idea was presented to reproduce the 1970 book for resale with a new forward page.

1) Special Logo on Founders Day shirt designed by Meridian art student – Craig has spoken to the art teacher. She will reach out to a couple of students to work on this project. Will need by 1st of April. The unofficial kick off date will be Memorial Day will need logo for t-shirts at that time. Jay will get logo to shirt printer asap.

2) Sesquicentennial cooking throughout town at restaurants/food trucks- Denise will talk to restaurants about a theme sandwich or salad to sell over the summer. She will also look into food trucks.

3) Disk Golf-involve Sanford Lake Park – Chuck will look into, thinking all summer.

4) Sanford King & Queen, Prince & Princess – Denise

5) National Army Band – Nick has not heard back from them. We can use school auditorium.

6) Expand Founders Day Parade – Chuck will do. Mark Authier talked about the Memorial Parade which the American Legion does. It will end at Flag Memorial. Lon and Mark will make remarks at end of parade. An idea for the theme, 150 years of Military Service and Happy Birthday Sanford descendants. All American Legion publications will mention the Sanford

Sesquicentennial. The American Legion does a presentation at the Sanford Historical Museum opening and will follow theme of 150 years.

7) Involve Sanford Meridian School District with Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (essay – “150 Year History of Sanford”) – this will be discussed at next Tuesday’s Chamber meeting.

8) Fireworks or Sesquicentennial theme at Sanford Lake Association’s 4th of July- Chuck will continue to reach out to Sanford Lake Association, they have not responded.

New Ideas:

1) Community Picnic – At Village Park, per Marlene the Village will host. Historical Society would help.

2) Vintage Baseball Game or Little League Tournament – Doug will contact Bay City about a baseball game. Tie picnic in with the baseball game.

3) Hold a Motorcycle Rally/Ride – Mark Authier will talk to motorcycle riders who participate at the American Legion.

4) Historical 5K Run/Bob Cole Road Race – Chuck sent a message to that foundation and has not had a response. Lon will look into it.

5) Scavenger Hunt – finding different landmarks around town – Sue, Linda and Belinda Lyons will set this up.

6) Sesquicentennial Farmers Market – no ideas at present

7) Paint Murals on Rail trail Side of Buildings -a few ideas were tossed around, maybe a few other buildings in town. Denny Sian to talk to his employees about ideas. Also talked about painting stained glass windows on outside of buildings. Also, Craig will talk to Meridian Art teacher about heading this up.

8) Give away a free wedding at the Bailey Chapel in 2020 – this will be put on Museum Board meeting agenda. We do have a Wedding Store in Sanford now, maybe they would help on this idea.

9) Have community make a Sesquicentennial Quilt commemorating the 150 years – Denise will check with the Midland Quilt group.

10) Apply for 150th (for the Village) and 50th (for the Museum) plaques from the Historical Society of Michigan – Chuck will apply for the Sanford Historical Society. Other ideas to repaint “Welcome to Village” sign and maybe add 150 years.

11) Have Studio 154 run Sesquicentennial themed classes thru out the year – Denise will talk to them.

12) Memorial Day Sesquicentennial theme. Committee to have 150th float – Maybe Sanford family float, check with Mary Jo Brant and maybe Sanford Senior Center, check with Dawn.

13) Rent billboard announcing the 150th birthday along the roadway – Will look into this later. The Chamber will advertise on their sign, the school will advertise on the campus sign and Sanford Elementary sign. Museum will advertise.

14) Engage Midland Daily News to write a series of stories about the celebration – Rick and Ron will work on publicity, we still need a chairman. Rick will contact Midland Daily news. Also, may advertise on Delta public radio, community events. Need to call in info 2 weeks ahead of events.

15) Beer Tent at the Sanford Village Park for Saturday night – Lon has talked to Midland Brewing need a special 3-day liquor license through the State of Michigan. No alcohol in Sanford Park have to get a special permit. Craig also knows someone at “Founders Brewing”.

Ideas for the Museum – will be presented at the Museum Board meeting January 15th.

- F. Fundraising Report** – Denise Cole reported we have no money yet. Talked about Go Fund Me, Raffle tickets etc. Also talked about Owosso Trains, their volunteers will do a show, have a table with info packets and light merchandise. May incorporate with Museum’s Train Day, August 8th. She checked with Midland Foundation and they don’t have any Grants that would work for us.
- G. Merchandizing items** – Deb Bacus – absent no report
- a) Founders Day Tee Shirt – Jay Ketover – waiting for Logo then will get to shirt printer.
- H. Publicity** – Ron Hughes and Rick Goodwin are working on publicity. Still looking for a chairperson.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Linda Fisher
Secretary

Next Meeting: February 6th, Thursday at 9:30 am, Sanford Senior Center.