

# Sesquicentennial Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2020 @ 9:30 am

Sanford Senior Center, 3243 N West River Rd

- A. Organization of Committee:** The Volunteers to be on the Sesquicentennial Committee were: Chuck Dinsmore – Sanford Historical Society; Lon Wackerle – Village of Sanford; Marlene Glinski – Village of Sanford; Craig Carmoney – Meridian Public School System; Mike Wood – Jerome Township; Doug Cellini – Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce; Diana Richardson – member at large.
- B. Celebration Date:** While the major celebrations will coincide with Founders Day – September 12 & 13, 2020, other smaller celebrations will occur throughout the year.
- C. Scope:** The sesquicentennial scope should cover Averill, Edenville, Hope, Olson and Sanford as it did at the centennial celebration in 1970.
- D. Proclamation by Governing Bodies:** The governing bodies of Jerome and Sanford Village will consider a Board resolution recognizing the Sesquicentennial celebration.
- E. King & Queen, Prince & Princess:** Consensus of the Committee was to elevate the 1970 Centennial Prince and Princess, Brad Gordon and Kathy Worsley Gensel to 2020 Sanford Area Sesquicentennial King and Queen. Denise Cole will contact them to see if they would be agreeable to that or obtain contact information for Chuck Dinsmore to make contact.
- F. Activities**
  - a. Parade:** Chuck Dinsmore stated that he is working on increasing participation in the parade and has contacted Bill Smith with the Michigan Division of the Wheelman Association of high wheeler bikes to ride in the parade but unfortunately, they are already committed. Also thought about trying to get Miss Michigan as she was from Bay City for the parade but there is a fee and she will have just ended her reign. The runner-up is from Sanford and Craig Carmoney will see if she will be available or gone to college.
  - b. Town Wide Cookoff:** A suggest of having a Village-wide cookoff maybe stationed at Foodpride. There is great difficulty with getting food permits. It was suggested that we could have Food Trucks as they would already be permitted by the Health Department.
  - c. Frisbee Golf @ SLP:** Chuck stated that he has contacted the Sanford Lake Parks about having a Golf Frisbee. He has received contact information and will continue pursuing the idea.
  - d. Fireworks:** Fireworks can be very costly so it was suggested that the Sanford Lake Association's Fourth of July celebration could have a Sesquicentennial theme, as well as their pontoon parade.
  - e. National Army Band:** Nick Kraemer's neighbor is the coordinator for locating venues for the National Army Band and an application has been submitted to have the band at the Sesquicentennial on Saturday of the Founders Day weekend. Discussion centered

around other venues in the Village for the band. Craig Carmoney stated that the new auditorium at the school should be finished and will seat 650 attendees. Waiting on confirmation from the coordinator.

- f. Scholarship:** It has been suggested that the Sanford Chamber of Commerce's scholarship be tied to participants submitting a 3-page essay on the 150-year history of Sanford. This idea will be discussed at the next Chamber meeting.
- g. Dance:** Chuck Dinsmore report that after talking with Dawn Powell, Director of Sanford Senior Center, has agreed to "theme" the Senior Center dance in August as a "Sesquicentennial Dance".

Sue Muto provided Chuck Dinsmore with a list of suggested activities which will be compiled with others submitted and provided to the committee for consideration.

- G. Fundraising:** Denise Cole was asked to chair this committee and she agreed. Ideas for fund raising ranged from: Go Fund Me Page; Raffle Tickets; Midland Foundation, Midland Brewery; Briggs; Mike Wood suggested the Museum increase their annual request for 2020 to include some onetime extra money.

- a. Commemorative Items:** A committee to investigate merchandise for sale has been set up and Deb Bakus will work on this committee. Some items for sale to include: Founders Day Tee Shirts; pins & coins; train whistles & hats.

**Next Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, Sanford Senior Center.**