

Sesquicentennial Meeting Minutes

February 06, 2020 @ 9:30 am

Sanford Senior Center, 3243 N West River Rd

Present: Chuck Dinsmore, Marlene Glinski, Doug Cellini, Craig Carmoney, Linda Fisher, Tom Muto, Rick Goodwin, John Billingsley, Denise Cole, Susan Blake, Mark Authier, Jolly and Diana Richardson, Linda Stevenson, Connie Marcy, Mary Herkner, Donovan Miller, Cynthia Michels, Joan Melchi, Richard Verdoni, Rickey Rissman and Teresa Quintana

A. Teresa Nims, MDN Introduction – Chuck Dinsmore – no show

B. Organization of Committee

a. Publicity Chair – filled as co-chairs, Donavan Miller and Cynthia Michels.

C. Scope Report- Chuck Dinsmore – reached out to Lee Township, Lincoln Township, Edenville Township, Hope Township. Jerome Township is onboard.

D. Proclamation by Governing Bodies: Jerome Township and the Village of Sanford has passed a proclamation. The County acted on Tuesday and the Proclamation will be issued. The Village is trying to get a Proclamation from the State.

E. Accounting Procedures – Sue Muto. Sue has broken her leg so not present at meeting. She is working with Kendra Melchi, treasurer of the Sanford Historical Society. The funds and expenses for the Sesquicentennial will be run through the Museum. This was reviewed by Linda Geiger, Accountant.

F. “Be an Ambassador” – Rick Goodwin – Rick encouraged everyone to be an ambassador for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Each township should have an agenda item for their meeting pertaining to the Sesquicentennial.

Area Wide

Family

Friends

Co-workers

Organization Agenda's

Share items on Facebook

Seek Volunteers

Tools

www.sanfordhist.org/2020htm

Facebook – Sanford Centennial Museum

Facebook – Sanford, Michigan Past, present, future

Watch Midland Daily News – articles, throwback/ ask about pictures and seeking pictures

First Settlers- Rick passed out a handout he prepared on first settlers.

Rick spoke to Pam Riggie at Sanford Pizza, she will name an item on their menu honoring the Sesquicentennial. Rick has a post on Sanford FB asking for volunteers and a publicity chairman. (this has been filled)

G. Fundraising Report – Denise Cole – we need letterhead and someone to write a letter requesting donations. This letter can be handed out to businesses. Also discussed food trucks, Gary Kennedy was expected at meeting but was a no show. Chuck had an e-mail from the Sanford family, proposing an idea to sell raffle tickets. 30 days of raffle, 1000 ticket. We will need a gaming license. The Sanford family are willing to work on this project.

H. Area Churches – Diana Richardson – ask for assistance, Rick Goodwin will help. Maybe some churches would do a float for parades. Chuck spoke to the Cleft of the Rock they will advertise for Sesquicentennial on their sign.

I. Activities Reports

1) Special Logo on Founders Day shirt designed by Meridian art student – Craig has spoken to the art teacher. No confirmation at this time. Richard Verdoni has volunteered to help with the graphic design for a new Logo.

2) Sesquicentennial cooking throughout town at restaurants/food trucks- Denise – MACF has a list of food trucks. We would need four. Coleman Lions has a truck. Richard Verdoni from Black Creek Kitchens plans to have a food truck by summer.

3) Disk Golf-involve Sanford Lake Park – Chuck is working on this.

4) Sanford King & Queen, Prince & Princess – Denise Cole and Linda Stevenson - Brad Gordon and Kathy Gensel have been contacted and they will be King & Queen. Will ride on float at Founder's Day parade.

5) National Army Band – Nick – Joel from the band will be at the next meeting. Chuck and Nick went to Frankenmuth to watch a performance. Lots of discussion, to be held at the Village Park behind the equipment building, will need volunteers, rental stage, parking issues, talked about shuttling guests.

6) Expand parade – Chuck – working on it. Richard Verdoni has access to jugglers and magicians.

7) Involve Sanford Meridian School District with Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (essay – “150 Year History of Sanford”) – Craig/Doug – Updated scholarship, there will be three recipients. Topic will be “What does 150 years of Sanford mean to you”. Due May 1, will be awarded at decision day. Will send invitation to winner to attend Founders Day activities. Instead of Prince and Princes, will be call junior representatives.

8) Fireworks – Chuck is working on this.

9) Sesquicentennial Dance – Dawn Powell - will be held on August 28, at the Sanford Senior Center

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 – the team from Bay City is willing to be involved. Pull current and past Sanford players to make a team. Proposed dates for baseball game and community picnic, June 27, July 11, both are Saturdays.
- 3) Hold a Motorcycle Rally/Ride – Mark Authier is working on this to take place July 25. May have the Michigan Wall or Desert Storm Wall. The riders will stop at the Flag Monument. Back to Legion at 5 P.M, then community dinner.
- 4) Historical 5K Run/Bob Cole Road Race – Lon has made contact.
- 5) Scavenger Hunt – finding different landmarks around town – Sue, Linda and Belinda Lyons will set this up, it is being worked on.
- 6) Paint Murals on Rail trail Side of Buildings – Denny Sian – not present - cannot paint on the M-30 bridge. Store fronts and/or backs of stores?
- 7) Have community make a Sesquicentennial Quilt commemorating the 150 years – Marlene – Carolyn Maynard is making a quilt. Should we have a quilt day, displayed in the depot. May raffle quilt made by Carolyn.
- 8) Apply for Sesquicentennial plaque for the Village from the Historical Society of Michigan – The Village is working on this.
- 9) Apply for 50th Anniversary plaque for the Museum from the Historical Society of Michigan – Chuck – this has been ordered and paid for.
- 10) Have Studio 154 run sesquicentennial themed classes thru out the year – Denise- when she gets letterhead and letter composed, she will contact them.
- 11) Memorial Day – Sesquicentennial Committee have a 150th float – Chuck
 - a. Trailer, driver, float name & message, form a Decorating Committee. May Barb Thornton Boman would head this up. Connie Marcy will help.
- 12) Apply for a resolution from Michigan Legislature commemorating the Sanford Area Sesquicentennial – Marlene/Lon. Working on.
- 13) Engage Midland Daily News to write a series of stories about the celebration – Ron/Rick – this is being done.
- 14) Beer Tent at the Sanford Village Park for Saturday night – Lon –
 - a. Permit, Dow ten availability, tent location, available electricity, required fencing, lighting, music, street dancing.
- 15) Greater Sanford Area Church participation – Diana – working on
- 16) Sanford Area Sesquicentennial Meridian Symphonic Band concert at high school new auditorium.
 - a. Ask Matt Shepherd if possible, weekend before Labor Day or after Founder's Day weekend
 - b. Also ask Matt Shepherd's Jazz Band to play some weekend linked to Sesquicentennial event. – Craig will look into this. Want to link Sesquicentennial name to school items
- 17) Sesquicentennial sign on Museum – John B. – this sign is up and was paid for with private funds. Working on new ideas to add verbiage to the Welcome to Sanford signs on each end of town.

J. Float Committee – need chairman

K. Calendar of Events – Ron Hughes – this is on the web-site

L. Merchandizing items – Deb Bacus – absent no report

- a) Founders Day Tee Shirt – Jay Ketover – waiting for Logo then will get to shirt printer.
 - i. Picture – Ron Hughes
- b) Pins/coins/rr hats/ rr whistles/wood nickels – Debbie Bacus
 - i. Marketing the items – Chuck Dinsmore – will have merchants in town sell the coins.

Rickey Rissman, a Group Sales Coordinator from the Midland Loons, was present at the meeting. The Loons are offering to have a Sanford Area community night. He has since sent an e-mail to Chuck explaining the details and some available dates. This would be a nonprofit evening to generate funds for the Sesquicentennial.

M. Next Meeting – February 19, 2020 - Sanford American Legion Post 443 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Linda Fisher
Secretary