



Bicentennial Committee 2008

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Brady Lake – Les Bennett,
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Portage County Bicentennial Committee
Dec. 10, 2008
Minutes

Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Portage County – Mark Cheplowitz and Charlene Badger; **City** of: Tallmadge – Sharon Alexander, **Townships** of: Freedom – Sallie Hubeny, Hiram- Judy Wilson, Palmyra-Sam Vechter, Rootstown– Shirley Riemenschneider; **Villages** of: Brady Lake - Mayor Lehman and Jim Hostler.

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

Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Cheplowitz welcomed the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Nov. 19, 2008 minutes was moved by Mr. Lehman; seconded by Mr. Vector. Upon verbal vote, motion carried.

Finance

In the absence of Ms. Carter, Ms. Badger reported that the Finance Committee met and recommended approval to place a full page “Thank You” ad in the Record Courier for \$1362 and Time Capsule ads for \$756.84, as well as expenses for cookies, cake and paper products for the Time Capsule ceremony. Mr. Vechter moved and Ms. Riemenschneider seconded; motion carried. The Finance Committee also had a presentation from Ms. Alexander regarding recording equipment and supplies for the Legacy project.

Marketing

Mr. Cheplowitz said he is gathering statistics to see how many people were touched by all the Bicentennial events. He will announce that at the Time Capsule ceremony. Ms. Riemenschneider has been interviewed by the newspaper for an article on the Time Capsule. Ms. Badger created the Time Capsule ad and Mr. Cheplowitz worked with Record Publishing and arranged a discount for the “Thank You” ad. Mr. Cheplowitz said all the frames were in for the posters and were available to give to committee members after the meeting



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Committee Reports/Events:

Time Capsule (12/13/2008): Ms. Riemenschneider reported that the Time Capsule sealing ceremony will be Saturday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna. Two 8th grade classes have donated items as well as many other donations and items collected by Shirley and donated by committee and community members. Guy Perneti, Director of the Historical Society will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Cheplowitz will have remarks on the sealing. Chuck Keiper and Guy Perneti will be asked to sing the “Portage Favorite Things” song. Ms. Badger mailed out invitations and flyers to elected county and local officials, news media and others. An agenda was distributed to the committee. There will be two keys to the Time Capsule with one at the Historical Society and one in the vault at the County Administration Building. Ms. Riemenschneider and the full committee thank Mr. Vector for his contribution of a beautiful wrought-iron stand that he created for the Time Capsule.

Legacy/Literary Project: Ms. Alexander reported on the recording equipment and supplies she could use for the Legacy project. She will continue to record family histories and gather written stories from residents over the next 2 or 3 years. She had not spent any committee funds for this project previously. The Finance Committee tonight had approved \$500 for the project, to be paid to the Ohio State University Extension Office, for supplies such as binders, notebooks and blank DVD disks. Materials may be housed at the historical society. Mr. Lehman moved to approve the \$500 to OSU Ext. and Mr. Vector seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Cheplowitz thanked the committee for their work.

Next Meeting

The next and final meeting will be announced and held sometime this Spring once we have all revenue and expenses reconciled.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Badger