

Sesquicentennial Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman V. Haase

Members present: Richard Betts, Patty Mihelich, George Packard, Helen Blakelock, Sandy Kendall, Jay Green, Pam Price, and Victoria Haase

Members absent: Warren Farrell, Ron Sacca, Delores Keefe, and Tim McCarthy

Agenda

The agenda was distributed and reviewed.

Minutes

The October meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Follow up assignments

G. Packard reported that he has made contact with the company who uses bricks for fundraising and he will continue to get a price quote from them.

V. Haase reported that she had met with R. Sacca about which company to contact to explore the idea of having pins made of the Town Seal. A company called PIN Source was chosen and V. Hasse will get a price quote from them.

V. Haase reported for R. Sacca that he had made contact with a second artist, from Hingham, in order to get an idea for a permanent memorial which would mark the occasion of Belmont's 150 Years of Incorporation. R. Sacca will also schedule a meeting with David LaRocca who has a design he would like to submit.

Other local artists might be contacted through the Art Association in Watertown. S. Kendall can supply the information for this group as needed.

V. Haase reported for R.Sacca that the flyers announcing the logo contest have been posted in all schools.

"Top Five" List

H. Blakelock compiled the responses that she received form the committee members. All were asked to submit their top five choices from earlier brainstorming that had been recorded on a list called parking lot for ideas.

Members present who had not submitted their choices did so and the list was updated. It was noted that it may be helpful to separate the ideas into different categories such as those that this committee would oversee vs those that other groups in town could sponsor

and, those that required little or no expense and those that would need finances to accomplish.

Goal Setting

It was suggested by V. Haase that the committee focus on a goal of sponsoring a kick off event in March to coincide with the date of incorporation. A lengthy discussion followed. It was agreed that the committee would consider a “social and fundraiser” to be held as an Incorporator’s Event for the weekend of March 17-19 2007 possibly to take place at St Joseph’s Parish Hall. The event would include appetizers and a cash bar (beer and wine). A Jazz band from the High School could provide some music and a raffle could be held. The ticket price was estimated to be \$50 per person and the total number of guests would be 300. The committee will seek to identify active members in the community to send flyers to. The event would also include a presentation which would serve to both inform and educate guests about the 150th Celebration of Belmont’s Incorporation. Products promoting Belmont’s history could be ready for sale.

All members of the committee will be responsible for coming up with some ideas for raffle prizes like: a camera, Oriental rug, sports tickets, vacation rental, and dinner.
P. Mihelich will follow up on: a date from St. Josephs, the jazz band, catering contacts, lists of those to notify.
V. Haase and S. Kendall will follow up on: local caterers
V. Haase will follow up on: items to sell like pins, coins, key chains and ideas for a possible presentation.

Future meeting scheduled at 7 pm in the Claflin Room
Monday December 11, 2006
Tuesday January 16, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm
Minutes recorded by V. Haase