

Rush Bicentennial Committee Meeting

January 9, 2017 Minutes

Attending: Linda Henry, Pam Ebersold, Rita McCarthy, Dave Sluberski, Chris Miller, Kevin Yost, Andrew Morse, Sue Mee

The Committee reviewed progress and shared updates on various initiatives.

- Regarding proposed baseball game between the Rush and Henrietta Fire Departments, Kevin Yost proposed asking that County Executive to do so. This will be considered as we move further along in the planning. Tina Thompson, Henrietta Historian, has contacted the Henrietta Fire Chief and HFD is interested in participating. Sue has been in contact with Duane Fanning and he indicated RFD would also be interested. The planned date is Sunday, May 20th. This will follow the Henrietta Memorial Day parade and will consist of a 4-5 inning slow pitch game followed by a picnic. Registration details, food/cooking, will be worked out as we move further along. The possibility of the ball players wearing old style ball caps was also suggested.
- Dave Sluberski also suggested that the Community Heritage Scanning event be started this summer (2017). That would allow us to gather photographs and documents prior to the Bicentennial year and they could then potentially be used for promotional purposes, etc. during the Bicentennial and beyond. The Community Heritage scanning event is currently on the schedule for February 2018 but it could be an event that is offered this summer and again next February.
- Historical Society Charter – Sue asked for review of the documents for any final edits prior to submission. A couple of minor changes were suggested and made. The Rush Historical Society Charter and supporting documents have now been submitted to the NYS Education Department.
- First Day Cover – from the 175th Rush Anniversary. Sue shared a first day cover that is in the History Office collection and asked if the Committee is interested in doing this again. The group agreed and Sue will follow up with the Post Office. Since Rush no longer postmarks mail here, we do not know if this will be possible.
- Several questions came up from the Committee regarding the town logo, promotional materials, banner, etc. Sue will contact Phil Dagger and ask if he is able to attend another upcoming meeting.
- Rochester Brooks Gun Club: Dave inquired if we had any further information on this idea. He offered to follow up and report back.
- Sue discussed the Veterans Park project and the possibility of cleaning up and landscaping the park on both sides of the creek. Andrew Morse suggested that Bruce O'Neil might be interested in helping with that effort or potentially donating a tree for the proposed annual tree lighting on the grounds behind the library.

- Next meeting – March 13