

Rush Bicentennial Planning Meeting

October 17, 2016

Minutes

Attending: Dave Sluberski, Sandra Sluberski, Chris Miller, Pam Ebersold, Linda Henry, Maureen Neumaier, Susan Swanton, Sue Mee.

Committee Updates:

- Sue Swanton spoke with Kirsten regarding the Summer Reading Program. Kirsten is interested but will need more info. Sue will follow up Rhoda Ryde, Gates Rec, on a Scavenger Hunt activity that was done in Gates.
- Maureen N. will contact Genesee Country Museum regarding the possibility of a “Rush Day” at the Museum.
- Dave Sluberski spoke with Elizabeth LaMark, RIT Production Photographer, regarding equipment and/or ideas for the Community Heritage Scanning Event. Liz recommended creating a copy stand and using a Smart Phone for the camera. Sue M. also has an digital SLR camera that could be used. A copy stand would involve a table, lighting and a camera to photograph objects (photos, documents, etc) in a digital format. Digital copies could be given to the object owners via a jumpdrive (either they provide or we provide). This would be a faster process than scanning and image quality would be good with either camera and proper lighting.
- Dave also investigate the cost of rubber ducks for the rubber duck race event. Oriental Trading sells the ducks at a price of \$45/100 ducks. We could use a Sharpie to number the bottom of the ducks. Discussion followed regarding when to hold the duck races. After discussion of whether to have the duck race event on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, 2018.
- Dave checked with Market View Liquor regarding specially labelled bottles for a champagne toast for the Proclamation Re-enactment and/or the Gala event. Market View will print custom labels for us. We could then apply them either over the existing label or on the reverse side of the bottle. Or, the labels could be given out for people to apply to their own preferred bottles.
- Individual Event Discussion:
 - Proclamation Re-enactment: Committee discussed where it might be most appropriate to hold this event. Both Leary School and the Rush Methodist Church are considered possibilities. If held at the Rush Methodist Church, the attendees could move to the Community Room after the re-enactment for a community toast. Sue M. will check to see if she can find a copy of the script used for the Proclamation Re-Enactment for the 175th anniversary. Town Board members and/or early family descendants could play various roles of original town board members.

- House/Church/Cemetery Tours: Consideration of a self-guided tour was discussed. The majority of the stops would be drive-by with possibly three stops that would include interior tour. A specific date/time would be designated for the tour that would include the interior tour. Otherwise, residents can follow the self-guided driving tour at any time of their convenience. If time allows, will also develop an online tour using AtaVist program designed to be used with a mobile device. The Library scavenger hunt could also be tied to the self-guided tours. Sue will include a request in the Town Newsletter for those interested in opening their homes for the tour. She will also obtain a list of properties constructed prior to 1950 from the assessor's office.
 - Pam suggested modifying the Christmas Caroling event to a tree lighting ceremony. A pine tree could be purchased and planted on the Town Hall grounds. Tree lighting could be the Sunday evening following Thanksgiving. Christmas carols could be sung by the tree and followed with hot chocolate and cookies. This could become an annual tradition.
 - Commemorative Items: A Rush Bicentennial button was suggested. This could be worn for a potential discount to fee-based Bicentennial Events.
 - Sue will contact Phil Daggar and, if interested, ask him to attend an upcoming meeting.
- Rush Historical Society: Sue Swanton located the correct contact information. The NYS Museum provides the information and correct forms for chartering museums and historical societies. Sue M. has completed the charter and Committee members signed. Sue will ask Pam to notarize. The provisional charter application along with a cultural profile and collection development policy will need to be included in the packet that is sent to the NYS Museum, along with a \$100 fee. Sue S. and Sue M. are working on this. We are getting closer!
 - Henrietta Bicentennial:
 - A baseball game with teams from the Rush and Henrietta Fire Department is planned for Sunday, May 20th at 4 pm. The game will consist of 4-5 innings and be followed by a picnic of hot dogs, chips, soda/water. Attendees will need to register in advance in order to purchase appropriate food quantities. This event will follow Henrietta's Memorial Day parade (week before Memorial Day). Sue is waiting confirmation from Chief Jim Bucci. Henrietta has confirmed their interest in participating.
 - A School House tour of the district school house locations in both Henrietta and Rush is planned. The tour will be via school bus. Sue met with Jack Gaffney and he provided much information from previous tours.
 - 2017 Community Day of Caring: Project clean ups to improve our town for the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration. Identified projects are painting the fences at both the North Rush and Pine Hill Cemeteries.
 - Future meeting dates: The Committee will not meet in December. Future dates were discussed and in consideration of everyone's availability, it was decided to move the meeting dates to the 2nd Monday of each month, beginning January 2017, at 7:30 pm.
 - January 9, 7:30 pm
 - February 13, 7:30 pm

- March 13, 7:30 pm
- April 10, 7:30 pm
- May 8, 7:30 pm
- June 12, 7:30 pm