

# Rush Bicentennial

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Attending: Dave Sluberski, Maureen Niedermeier, Andy Morse, Kevin Yost, Chris Miller, Linda Henry, Sue Swanton, Pam Ebersold, Phil Daggar, Don Sweet, Bill Darron, Karen Himes, and Sue Mee

### Committee Updates:

- Linda Henry called Betty Miller regarding costumes. Betty is out of town but Linda left a message.
- Sue M. reported that Rita M. has secured costumes from Sheryl Diana, RH Theater Dept. Sheryl agreed to loan costumes for several events: First Town Board Re-enactment, Parade(s), Gala, etc. Rita requested eight costumes, 4 men and 4 women. Sheryl feels the dresses and coats from Little Women will work for our needs.
  - Maureen reminded Sue M. of email she sent last year with contact info for period clothing vendor at Genesee Country Museum and Village. Sue will check.
  - Dave Sluberski mentioned the Historical Emporium, an online source for costume rental. Their website is: <https://www.historicalemporium.com/>
- Rita was also able to obtain a commitment for the RH Singers to participate in our Tree Lighting and Caroling Ceremony on December 8, 2017 and again in 2018.
- Sue Swanton shared her notes from meeting with Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society, and Sue Mee, regarding the Bicentennial House Tours.
  - Janet and David Glocker have expressed possible interest in opening their home for the tour
  - Sue Swanton - also possible
  - Others to consider contacting: Karen Hopkins; Jerry Tallo (Hart House); Elise Carter (Peter Myers house); Rochester Event Barn; Dick Updaw (Wells barn); NYMT Museum (Jim Dierks); Luke Keyes (95 Keyes Road); Jeffords House; Churches?
- Town Proclamation and Re-enactment of First Board Meeting: Sandra Sluberski will rewrite the script that was used for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Sue Swanton – Scavenger Hunt. She will work with Kristen on this project.
- Tree Lighting – Andy Morse reported at our last meeting that Bruce O’Neill will donate and plant a pine tree. Sue will contact him regarding specifics.
- Chris Miller: Bonnet Sewing – kick-off event has been scheduled for Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Pavilion, 12 noon – 6 pm. Those interested should bring their own fabric for making either an

apron or bonnet. Some donated fabric may also be available. Will need volunteers to assist and also bring sewing machines for others to use.

- **Bicentennial Book Project:** Sue Knight has retyped the letters, etc., used by the Gates Bicentennial Committee. Sue M. will share these with the Bicentennial Committee along with a list of known organizations within the town. Additional input for the list of organizations is very welcome! Sue M and Sue S. coordinating this project. A volunteer to do the book layout is needed and Sue will include this need in the April/May newsletter.
- **Rush Historical Society –** Sue M. reported that our Charter application has moved to the next level within the NYS Education Department. Hopefully, we will heard something positive soon! Question of whether the RHS would need insurance was asked. Sue will look into this with the Town Attorney.
- **Summer Community Digitization Day:** Sue will work on scheduling this and equipment set up. Volunteers will be needed.

**Bill Darron** spoke about creating a website for the Rush Historical Society. He has also volunteered his daughter to help with creating a logo for the RHS. The group discussed options for including a plug-in on the website for registering and accepting payment. Bill is familiar with setting this feature up on websites and will build this into the RHS website. Bill indicated that the RHS should plan for \$300-500 to host the site with e-commerce functionality (i.e., credit card, PayPal, etc.). He can also include a plug-in for generating a membership newsletter.

**Phil Daggar** presented mock-ups of proposed new logo designs. He included two colorway options: red/blue and also green/yellow. Committee provided feedback and Phil will incorporate those suggestions and send a new file to Sue for distribution. Thank you, Phil!

Phil also indicated that he will help the Committee with promotional items and a banner. He suggested Art Parts Signs a(381-2134) and VistaPrint.

**Kevin Yost** suggested that Bicentennial banners be included in all RH Schools for both Rush and Henrietta.

Also, as we move along in our plans, two sub-committees are needed. One is a Publicity/Marketing Committee and the other is a Sponsorship Committee. If anyone is interested in leading/participating on either of these sub-committees, please let Sue M. know.

Note: There will **not** be an April meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Rush Town Hall.