

# Rush Bicentennial Planning

April 6, 2016

## Minutes

Meeting attendees:

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Promoting the formation of the Bicentennial group meetings was discussed. A Rush Bicentennial Facebook group was suggested along with advertising in the Town News in the Penny Saver. Both were done to announce the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Future meetings will also be added to the online town calendar.

The possibility of forming a Rush Historical Society was noted in the MHFL Sentinel, PennySaver and Facebook groups. The group discussed the idea of a re-enactment of the Price, Stull, Martin and Sherman arrivals in Rush, dating to 1802. The Price-Stull-Martin-Sherman Families' *Geneological Notes* provides a family history and some detail about their arrivals in Rush. Additional information is included in various Rush History books. Descendants of the Price, Martin and Stull families still reside in Rush and could play the roles of their ancestors. The group discussed the possibility of scripting the re-anactment and potentially seeking help from the theater faculty at Rush Henrietta.

Update: Dr. Bonnie Lang, retired RIT-NTID Theater professor is willing to help with this project.

A self-guided driving tour of Rush was discussed. Dave Sluberski will work on creating this with content and input from Sue.

House and Church Tours were also discussed. If a house tour is planned, possible houses to include are the Jeffords home on Rush Scottsville Road; the Hallock home on Rush Lima; Hart House on East River Road; Elm Place on East River Road; Peter Myers home on Rush Mendon; Keyes Home on Keyes Road; Price Homestead on Rush Scottsville Road. If implemented, this event would take place on a given date/time. Participants could tour independently or perhaps using the trolley from Diamond's Limousines could be arranged. A gathering at the Rochester Event Barn could conclude the date. Tickets could be sold for a buffet meal. Note: Booties would be needed for the house tours. Would an insurance rider be needed?

If interested, the churches could sponsor open houses and/or tours on a given date. Need to reach out to each church: St. Joseph's, Rush Methodist, Calvary Chapel Church, Wheatland Community Church, Zion Dominion Global Ministries and Shiloh Church of God. Church group musical performances at the Falls Gazebo? Montesano's as a possible sponsor?

The suggestion of creating a museum representing an early household was suggested. Perhaps this could be established within a portion of the former Stull/Quinn property on the corner which is owned by the Town. Town residents could be solicited to donate items for the temporary museum and items would be returned to them after the exhibit closes.

Creating a timeline of the town's history would be a good visualization of our town's development. Where to locate? The Rush Library is a possibility.

The Kodak Alaris kiosk idea will be further investigated by Tim McCarthy.

Discussion of reaching out to Town organizations to participate in the Bicentennial was discussed. The Fire Department 2018 parade could be a bicentennial theme for Rush organizations. This will need to be discussed with the Fire Department. Contacts: Al Sweet or Bob Faugh.

The current town logo was designed for the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1968. Should we consider a new logo and tagline for the bicentennial? Could begin to use in 2017. Contact Phil Daggar? Should it be a children's contest for Leary students?

Bicentennial banners for the hamlet area. Investigate cost and where the Lion's Club ordered current banners? Sponsors?