

Rush Bicentennial Committee

Minutes

May 8, 2017

Present: Cathy Frank, Rita McCarthy, Chris Miller, Linda Henry, Pam Ebersold, Sue Swanton, Sandra and Dave Sluberski, Jim Dierks, Jean Stephens, Sue Mee

Jim Dierks, New York Museum of Transportation, attended to discuss possible collaboration opportunities between the NYMT and the Rush Bicentennial. The NYMT can provide trolley rides and possibly have a "Rush Day" offering free or reduced admissions. Perhaps NYMT and the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum (RGVRR) could offer combined tours on the same day. NYMT can also provide trolley rides to the trails, allow participants to get off and hike, then ride trolley back. Trolley could run every 30 minutes. The NYMT currently offers guided tours, slide talks on the Rochester Subway, Electric Trolley, etc. and could offer as a Rush program, too.

RGVRR is organizing a 5K for July 22, 2017. Perhaps this will become an annual event?

Sue has invited Dave Shields to our June meeting. Jim will not be able to attend the June meeting but will contact Dave to discuss possible Bicentennial collaborations.

Rush Bicentennial Book Project: Jean Stephens has generously volunteered to assist in the Bicentennial book project. Jean will take on the responsibility of the book layout and design. Thank you, Jean!

The project was discussed and Sue M. will contact Rush Henrietta CSD to request a written history of the district for the book. Sue will also contact Rush businesses for potential advertisements.

Proofers will be needed for the book project. Anne Marie Miller, Karen Hopkins and Bonnie Meath-Lang were mentioned as possible volunteers.

Historical Society Charter: Sue reported that our application is scheduled for review by the Board of Regents this month. Hopefully, we will have positive news at our next meeting!

Memorial Day Parade: Henrietta has built a log cabin on a trailer for their Bicentennial year. The cabin has been completed and they have offered it to be used in the Rush Memorial Day Parade. Sue checked with Supervisor Frank and also Dan Lindsay, Parade Coordinator, regarding the inclusion of the cabin. Both agree it is a welcome addition. Mark David has agreed to pick up, pull and return the cabin. All are welcome to participate and walk along with

the cabin. Sue has ordered a parade banner with the Bicentennial logo. The parade starts at 9:30.

The Committee agreed to the revised Bicentennial **logo** created by Phil Daggar. Thank you, Phil!

House Tours: Sue Swanton and Linda Henry provided an update on the plans for the house tour event. The plan is for a tour of both houses and other significant structures (churches, barns, etc). Sue and Linda have toured the town and identified a number of potential properties with a goal of 10 drive by sights and 10 properties open for interior tours.

Period Clothing: Sandra Sluberski wore a Regency era costume that she recently created. She shared information about that period of clothing as well as purchasing options. A handout was provided with resource details.

Book Talk: Author Paula Whitacre is interested in coming to Rush to talk about her upcoming book about Julia Wilbur. Julia lived on Hartwell Road prior to leaving for Washington, DC during the Civil War to provide assistance to freed slaves. Paula has been invited to speak on Sunday afternoon, April 22nd. The talk will be held at the Rush Methodist Church followed by a book signing along with refreshments. Barbara Kingsley has confirmed our request to use the Methodist Church for the event.

Early Settler Re-enactment: Bonnie Meath-Lang has returned from her winter in Florida and will be meeting with Sue regarding the development of a script for this play.

Community Heritage Scanning Event: This event has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, from 4-8 pm in the Udicious Pavilion. It will be announced in the next Town newsletter.

Tree Lighting Ceremony: Sue called Ann O'Neill a few weeks ago regarding Bruce's offer to donate a tree per his discussion with Andy Morse. Sue will follow up.

Sue talked about the importance of publicity and suggested that any sub-committees provide their information to the Honeoye Falls Mendon Lima Sentinel and to the Henrietta Messenger Post. Information will also be included in the Rush Town Newsletter and can be posted to the Facebook Groups: ***Rush History/Rush Bicentennial*** and ***If You Grew Up in Rush...*** Sub-Committees can post/submit directly or give to Sue to submit.

The next meeting of the Bicentennial Committee is scheduled for June 12, 2017 at 7 pm.