

Rush Bicentennial Planning

June 13, 2016

Minutes

Meeting attendees:

Pam Ebersold, Maureen Neumaier, Dave Sluberski, Kevin Yost, Cathy Frank, Dan Woolaver, Linda Henry, Rita McCarthy, Sue Mee

The formation of a Rush Historical Society was further discussed and it was decided to move forward with forming a Historical Society. Sue will look into the process for establishing a 501 (C)-3 non-profit organization and bring that information to our next meeting. A minimum of three people will need to be identified as directors.

Sue has updated the Rush Historian's website and Bicentennial meeting minutes are posted there. The historian's website is: <https://rushhistorian.com/>

Linda Henry reported that the Ladies' Auxiliary is willing to participate in the Bicentennial. Debbie David is the current president. Abby O'Neil, Rush Fire Department, also indicated that the Fire Department is interested in participating.

Rita McCarthy reported that she has spoken with Keith Eggleston regarding the banners ordered by the Rush Lions' Club. He indicated that the current banners do have a founding date reference included in the design. They have collected \$300 per business for current banners. The Bicentennial Committee discussed the idea of a larger banner dedicated to the Bicentennial being purchased and either placed in front of the Town Hall or possibly across the road. Depending on the cost, perhaps two large banners could be put in place across East Henrietta Road at the north and south ends of the hamlet area. Rita will look into costs for the larger size banner.

Rita also spoke with Dave Shield of the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum regarding their Fall Foliage trips. One idea is to dedicate one of the Fall trips to Rush residents and potentially include a speaker to provide information about the history of the railroad. This person could be someone from the GVRRM or a local resident (George Stahl?). Kevin Yost also suggested Jim Diercks of the New York Museum of Transportation.

Other possible Rush residents events could also include dedicating a day at Genesee Village Country and Museum and welcoming our residents. This could possibly include discounted admission tickets. A "Rush Day" at the Brooks Gun Club was also discussed and Dan W. will look into that.

The existing Town logo was further discussed and it was generally agreed that keeping the logo but updating it would be preferred to a totally new design. Cathy Frank will talk to Phil Dagger about correcting the shape of the town that is outlined in the logo and adding date information.

Sue has contacted Wegman's regarding the possibility of selling Rush Bicentennial shirts in the "localwear" section of their Henrietta stores. Wegman's is willing to consider including shirts but we will need to contact them when we have more information and a design.

Sue also contacted Mike Sweazy at Wildwood regarding a Bicentennial Gala event. Sue is meeting with Mike on July 15 to discuss possible options and dates for Fall 2018.

Sue informed the group that she has requested funding from the Monroe County Historian's Office for a World War I interpretive sign for the Rush Veteran's Park. The County is offering funding up to \$1,000 for town projects recognizing the 100th anniversary of the US involvement in World War I. The potential goal would be to add interpretive signage plaques for each of the wars the US has been involved with and which Rush has contributed.

Our group has discussed many ideas over the last four meetings. Some have further developed, others have receded in popularity or possibility and others are in need of further development. Cathy will create a draft document mapping out a tentative schedule of monthly bicentennial events and activities. Cathy created a draft and she and Sue have edited it over the last month so that it can be shared with our team.