

Rush Bicentennial Planning Meeting

July 12, 2016

Present: Linda Henry, Susan Swanton, David Sluberski, Sandra B. Sluberski, Pam Ebersold, Sue Mee

The group discussed the formation of a Rush Historical Society. Sue presented a 501(c)3 application form and her understanding of the application process based on what she has read. There is a \$75.00 filing fee to the Department of State. Supervisor Frank has approved this expenditure by the Town and authorized forwarding the application to the Town Attorney for review prior to submission.

Once the non-profit organization has been formed, by-laws and mission statements must be created. The organization will be required to meet at least once annually on a date determined in the by-laws.

The application form requires a minimum of three initial directors of the organization. All attending tonight's meeting agreed to be named as initial directors. Formal elections/appointments will be made upon formation of the Rush Historical Society.

Gala Event: Sue met with Mike Sweazy of Wild Wood Country Club on July 15. He suggested a Sunday evening for the event as he has more date flexibility and the costs would be less expensive. Saturdays are prime wedding nights. October 7th was considered as a possible date and Mike has placed a tentative hold on the date for us. It is Columbus Day weekend so perhaps a Sunday evening event would be particularly appealing to those who have Monday as a holiday. Items to consider:

- He will need an approximate expected number to plan for (venue can seat 250)
- Cash bar. Do we want Signature Drinks?
- Band or DJ?
- Buffet or Appetizers? He can provide a buffet dinner for \$23.50/person (if we do not choose sirloin or prime rib). If we want appetizers before dinner, then per person cost

would be \$25.00. Alternative is to offer heavy appetizers instead of dinner buffet.
Menu attached.

Additional Discussion Items:

Sandra suggested the idea of a “What happened here in Rush in past years” or “What happened here in Rush on (given date).” This could be a frequently changing display placed in the Library or lobby of Town Hall. Sue Swanton will explore this idea with Kirsten Flass, library director.

A proclamation and resolution on the 200th anniversary date was further discussed. Having a toast along with the proclamation was suggested. We had previously discussed holding this event at Leary School. If we do that, the toast would not be possible (school grounds).

Sue reminded everyone that her budget request is due by July 21st. All agreed that submitting a request for the 2017 budget year for initial bicentennial expenses would be appropriate. The request was submitted in the amount of \$5,000.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15th, 7 pm.