

# Rush Bicentennial Planning Meeting

September 19, 2016

## Minutes

Attending: Maureen Neumaier, Dave Sluberski, Sandra Sluberski, Chris Miller, Pam Ebersold, Sue Swanton, Sue Mee

The Committee reviewed the minutes and provided updates for activities each were investigating. Sue also shared the spreadsheet listing tentative events and activities for the bicentennial year. The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet, month by month. The following comments relate to the events on that document.

- Community Heritage Scanning Event (January): Rowe Photographic was suggested as a possible source for renting high speed scanning equipment. The copier/scanner machines in the Town Hall and Library are also possible considerations. Dave Sluberski will investigate scanning possibilities.
- Memoir Writing (February): Contact Writer's and Books for a possible instructor guide for this project. Sue will look into this. -talk to Sue Semmel for contact. It was also suggested that providing the option to record memoirs via an audio recording might be a good option. Chris Miller also suggested that we could invite Leary students to participate by recording interviews with their grandparents. This could be done via the StoryCorp app and smart phones.
- Proclamation forming Town of Rush. Re-enactment on March 13, 2018. If a clock (Canandaigua Bank style) is installed, then a clock dedication ceremony would also be included. If a clock is not purchased, then perhaps a plaque could be installed and dedicated.
- House/Church/Cemetery Tours (April): Sue Swanton offered to work on this with Sue M; She will reach out to Cynthia Howk to request her input/assistance
- Memorial Day Parade: Legion sponsors
- Re-enactive of arrival of early settlers (June): Bonnie Meath-Lang has agreed to assist with playwriting based on ancestral accounts of settler's arrivals. May need to consider hiring of actor(s). Audio support?  
1818-1918 Park Gazebo (June): Patriotic concert, possibly Rush Firemen's Band
- Rush Library Summer Reading Program: (June-Aug): Sue Swanton and Kirsten
- Rush Fireman's Parade and Carnival: (July) Bicentennial themed.
- Rush Day at Genesee Country Museum (August)

- House/Church/Cemetery Tours (August) – Sue Swanton (see April listing)  
Rochester Gun Club – Rush Day. (August) – Dan W.
- R&GV Fall Foliage Train Ride (Sept): Rita M.
- Rush Fall Festival (October) – Duck Races – sell at area businesses.  
Wild Wood Gala, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday evening)
- Veterans’ Park Walkway Dedication – Interpretive signage and walkway. Grant funding provided for WWI signage. Sue M in discussion with Legion for funding for additional interpretive signage.
- December Christmas Caroling: Pam suggested a tree lighting ceremony with carols instead of caroling through the hamlet. Plant a pine tree on Town Hall property, dedicate Dec. 2017 and wrap up Bicentennial year with another tree lighting ceremony in December 2018. Hopefully, it would become an annual tradition.

In discussion of local musicians and the whereabouts of Pat Maloney, Chris Miller reported that he lived in Springwater now. Sue M. will reach out to Pat’s brother, Dan. Dan lives on Rush Mendon Road. Update: Pat lives in Florida now.

Book Project – similar to Gates Bicentennial book with history of each of the town organizations, etc. Sue M. will obtain a list of non-profit organizations in Rush. Sue M and Sue S. will coordinate.

Other: Suggested idea of providing event admission discounts for those wearing Rush Bicentennial t-shirt

2017 Newsletter Suggestion: Print on parchment colored paper to make it look “old.” Print in black and white only, etc.

Historian’s column will start including a Bicentennial section with a separate heading.