



Bicentennial Bytes and Updates

-- FEBRUARY 2021 --

WELCOME!

I have been tasked with helping to keep committee members (County and Town), volunteers, and members of the Board of Supervisors apprised of our efforts as we prepare for the Bicentennial celebration on April 11, 2023.

- Patti Holdraker,

Member, Steering & Souvenirs Committee

NEW PROPOSED CO-CHAIR

Following the death of our Bicentennial Co-Chair Larry Ann Evans, Gene Bavis has proposed Rosa Fox as our new Co-Chair. He will take his recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting.

UPDATES

PowerPoint project: Presentation done on Zoom Jan 27 for about 55 people. The next is scheduled for Feb. 23 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. A presentation will be created for kids as well.

Calendar: A 2-year calendar showing 2022 and 2023 is planned for printing this Spring to be sold through the summer and fall. Loreen Jorgensen and Chris Davis are leading this project. Print quotes are being solicited.

Display Banners for Town Halls: On Hold at moment, seeking graphic designer to help develop a few for display with table/booth.

Historic Markers: Rosa developed a template for 15 town markers and one for Wayne County. Committee will need to talk again with the Pomeroy Foundation to determine if our plan meets their criteria.

Kids Activity Book: Caryn Devlin will continue to work on this project. Looking for a variety of educational activities to include.

Book Committee Meeting: Zoom Meeting set for Feb. 11. One could be targeted at 4th graders. Amber Linson is working on one local resident's memories of growing up and living in Wayne County. Memoirs, photographs, poems, news articles, artwork will be accepted according to the submission guidelines.

Bicentennial Minutes: Thirty-six are DONE. Need something from Rose and Ontario. Rose will be Nev-ersweats. Ontario will be the iron ore industry. The plan is to release them April 2022, one per week.

Vietnam Wall replica: Brian Manktelow has been informed of the project, and Jerry Lamb of W.C. American Legion will coordinate with him. Richard Lasher offered help with this as well. Suggested sites: Pal-

myra Fairgrounds and UltraLife Campus. Need support of local legions and VFW's due to staffing requirements of 24/7 while it is installed here.

GeoCache: Linda Guest is heading this up. It will bring in participants from outside the area.

Float: Dick Lasher and Phil Eygnor are working on this. Target ready date for the spring.

Photo Quilt Poster Project: Ideas is to print photos on fabric and give to Reverse Curves Club to quilt. Photo of quilt to be made into a poster for resale.

Torch Relay: Bob Oaks is coordinating with Jeff Washburn and hoping to have coordination starting in the spring. 40 miles/day and 5-day event. Goal is at least 200 runners.

BiCentennial Website: up and running at www.waynecounty200.com

Mailing and Cling Stickers: Looking for volunteers to visit local businesses and town offices, libraries, etc. to help distribute them.

T shirts/Souvenirs: We will promote this further in the Spring. Sale of these plus calendars will be sold by local bicentennial committees at local events and farmers markets.

Vinyl Banners: 2.5 x 3 ft have been purchased to use at bicentennial sale tables and in town halls. Rosa and Gene plan to present one to each town supervisors for display in their town.

Facebook Posts: New posts EVERY DAY, have been a huge success. Posts include historic photos and historic markers and generate conversations among many.

Town Committees: Some towns have been set up but others are not. Meeting minutes will be stored and saved.

ACTION ITEMS/FUNDRAISING THOUGHTS:

With some funding from the County Board of Supervisors, we still need to have money coming and going all the time. Sales will be very important. We will also be requesting grants. We need fundraising strategies other than the county budget. Approaching local businesses for sponsorships is a thought, but need to find what they will sponsor -- Torch relay, gala event, float etc. A subcommittee is forming to develop a plan to reach out to possible donors.

NEXT MEETING:

May 5 at 3:30pm via Zoom.