

# *Middlebury Bicentennial Committee*

Minutes of Meeting held on May 3, 2007  
Shepardson Community Center

Present: Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio

Members Terrence McAuliffe, Robert Desmarais, Ronald Vitarelli

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio @ 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes: The minutes of the April, 2007 were reviewed and motioned by Robert Desmarais to accept, seconded by Terrence McAuliffe, and unanimously accepted.
3. Voices Commemorative Guide: Rudy Mazurosky of Voices requested a "Table of Contents" for the guide. Ronald Vitarelli proposed a work session for Thursday evening May 10 with the results to be brought to Pattie Wesley of Voices on Friday May 11.
4. Bicentennial Tree Planting: Robin Fenn and Thyrsa Whittemore have worked with the Beautification Committee and the Congregational Church to obtain a Dutch Elm resistant Liberty Elm tree. This tree is 14-19' when planted but will grow to 120' when mature. The tree will replace a dead maple. The ceremony to commemorate the planting will occur with the Ice Cream Social on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
5. Greenway Walk: Bob Desmarais plans to perform a project review with the Greenway Committee on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Greenway Walk.
6. Bicentennial Ball: The final pricing for the Ball is \$85 per couple with a goal of 150 tickets. Presales will be limited to Middlebury residents until three weeks prior to the event.
7. Bicentennial Grand Finale: About \$3,000 of fund raising is still needed for the fireworks.
8. Fundraising: Ron Vitarelli reported that fund raising for the Drama is complete. He is developing forms for sponsor recognition and status so that the promised recognition and thank you's will be done. Ray Pietrorazio pointed out that there will be need for additional funds for miscellaneous expenses. It was agreed that fund raising continue with that objective.
9. Memorial Day: Bob Desmarais reported from Betty Proulx that the Memorial Day parade would have two contingents, the second being dedicated to the bicentennial. It was noted that balloons for Memorial Day were approved at the last meeting. The Bicentennial Banner for Memorial Day will be an 8' x 2' banner costing about \$200.00. Bob Desmarais motioned to approve the purchase, seconded by Terry McAuliffe and unanimously approved.

10. Commemorative Items: (a) Ray Pietrorazio is still pursuing the commemorative wine bottle. He received an estimate of about \$46 per bottle or \$552 for a case of 12 bottles. It was thought that 50 bottles might be sold, so Ray will check to see if the price holds for four cases. (b) The idea of candles was considered but not approved. (c) Twenty placques are required for sponsor Thank You's and Anthony Rubo will take 20 medallions and finish them to use on the placques.

11. Video Premiere Readiness: Terry McAuliffe reported that he had reviewed the video premiere with Paul Perrotti and that the Middlebury Volunteer Fire Department is ready. Terry also reported that the manufacturing process for DVD's was underway and on schedule.

12. Teaching Guide: Terry McAuliffe reported that the Teaching Guide was still being developed by Arlene McAuliffe and would begin in earnest as the school year ended.

13. Drama Project: Terry McAuliffe reported that the Drama Project was on schedule and would be issuing a "casting call" in the media starting in late June for rehearsals in late July and August. Terry was asked to get a quote on videotaping the drama production.

14. Event Calendar Update: The Memorial Day Handout, coordinated by Lou Orsini, will provide 1,500 handouts at the parade. This handout will contain the calendar of events and will replace the proposed spring mailing.

15. Event Final Summary Form: Bob Desmarais reported that this form will remain unchanged.

16. Historical Society Book: The Historical Book requires about \$12,000 of funding and \$9,000 has been raised, resulting in a remaining need for \$3,000.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee adjourned the meeting @ 8:35 p.m., by motion of Ron Vitarelli, seconded by Bob Desmarais, and unanimously voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence McAuliffe

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