

# *Middlebury Bicentennial Committee*

Minutes of Meeting held on January 4, 2007

Shepardson Community Center

Present: Chairman Robert Desmarais

members Terrence McAuliffe, Raymond Pietrorazio, Ronald Vitarelli

- 1 . CALL TO ORDER- Meeting called to order by Chairman R.Desmarais @ 7:00 p.m.
2. MINUTES: The minutes of the Dec. 7, 2006 meeting were reviewed, and motioned by R.Vitarelli to accept, seconded by R. Pietrorazio, and unanimously voted to accept.
3. R. Desmarais stated the Bicentennial Ecumenical Observation is taking form, and is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2007.
4. Kelly Ecsedy led a discussion on the upcoming Jan. 28 Winter Festival. Flyers are going out, in schools, news media coverage. There are also new signs that are being posted. Volunteers are needed for prep work on Saturday, and for event on Sunday.
5. Chairman R. Desmarais called for a meeting of the Steering Committee for final review of Winter Festival, Jan.17<sup>th</sup>.
6. Final filming for the video will be the Winter Festival. T. McAuliffe presented a draft of the video disk case holder. All agreed it is a fine job, with no changes required. A premiere showing (the first) of the video is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Firehouse, by invitation only. Expected selling cost of the video will be \$25.00 regular price, and \$20.00 for seniors.
7. Grants will be sought for some of the video costs, and for a second video which will less formally depict some of the filming not used in the finished product video.
8. Being pursued is an airing of the video on CPTV in October.
9. The drama production at Westover School is coming along nicely, and will portray the Chauncy Judd Stolen Boy story.
10. R. Desmarais discussed the Family Picnic (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>) at Quassapaug Amusement Park. The park will be open exclusively to the picnic.
11. R. Desmarais motioned to accept the proposal from Quassy Amusement Park for the picnic. The cost is \$16.00/person, and time is 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded by R. Vitarelli, and voted unanimously to accept.

12. The Committee treasurer was not present, however his report indicates the Bicentennial Committee is “solvent” at this time.
13. Robert Rafford discussed the Photography Contest, noting that the deadline for photo submissions is Aug. 30. Also mentioned was possible funding for the historical book the Historical Society is producing.
14. R. Desmarais suggested the Steering Committee review upcoming events within four (4) months of actual date. There will be subsequent reviews as the event draws nearer.
15. The Steering Committee will be participating on the Skye Cable “Selma Frohn Show” on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.
16. The Committee notes the upcoming retirement testimonial for Carol Cipriano, Middlebury’s Recreation Director. All agree Carol has done a great job as Director, and her outgoing and friendly personality will be missed by us. We wish Carol well in her well-deserved retirement.
17. It is reported that Lee Ostar is recovering well from her illness, and is now at home. The Committee misses Lee’s participation, guidance and knowledge. We wish her continued good recovery.
18. There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Ron Vitarelli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Pietrorazio, and unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Pietrorazio

January 10, 2007