

Middlebury Bicentennial Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on July 5th, 2007
Shepardson Community Center

Present: Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio

Members present: Terrence McAuliffe, Robert Desmarais

Members not present: Ronald Vitarelli.

Also present: Ed Noonan.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes: The minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting were reviewed and motioned by Bob Desmarais to accept, seconded by Terry McAuliffe, and unanimously accepted.
3. Ray Pietrorazio read a letter written to the Selectmen recommending that Dennis Small be appointed as a co-chairman.
4. Terry McAuliffe reported that the **Garden Tour** was well attended and very successful with over 200 people attending.
5. Bob Desmarais reported that many people visited the Bicentennial booth at **Middlebury Day** and that he sold three coins. He said that Lou Orsini found strong interest in tickets to the Bicentennial Ball.
6. Bob Desmarais reported that the **Four Corners Concert** was coming along well under the coordination of Lou Orsini and sponsor Joe Dinova.
7. Bob Desmarais reported that there was a \$1500 sponsor for the **Sock Hop**.
8. There was no **Fund Raising** report. A discussion on unsponsored expenses led to the thought of looking for a sponsor of the \$5,000 of administrative expenses.
9. There was no report on the **Voices Commemorative Guide**.
10. Ray Pietrorazio reported that shirts and hats were available at Park & Rec. There are 43 Golf Shirts, and 24 hats along with the white T-Shirts that are also available. He presented a bill for these new **Commemorative Items**.
11. Marketing of the **Bicentennial Coin** was discussed and a plan to approach the banks and local businesses to see if the coin would be a fit for their marketing. Ray planned on visiting a local business and Bob and Ron would visit the local banks.
12. Ray Pietrorazio reported that the **Bicentennial Banner** had just been hung across Route 64 and everyone agreed that it looked great.

13. Terry McAuliffe reported for Arlene McAuliffe that the **Drama Production** was on track with auditions scheduled for July 23, 24, and 25.

14. Bob Desmarais reported that the **Bicentennial Ball** “save the date” invitations went out to Lou Orsini’s list. Lou has said that ticket sales are going well.

15. Bob Desmarais reviewed the **Celebration at Quassy**. There was concern about the park being generally open during the day and publicity of fireworks. A meeting with George Frantzis is being scheduled for late July. The rides will be available from Noon to 7:00. Picnic food will be served from 1 to 5, Drinks from 1 to 7. The fireworks will begin at 7:00PM. Arrangements are still being made for a stage near the pavilion. Ray Pietrorazio proposed a military band perform and he will follow up.

16. Ed Noonan reported on the reconciliation of checks with events. Ed will be requesting duplicate statements from Naugatuck Savings Bank. He gathered information for our IRS report about no compensation for committee members and an approximate amount of time devoted to bicentennial matters by members.

17. During the review of outstanding checks there were two \$1,000 undesignated contributions which were agreed to be applied to the Drama Performance.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee adjourned the meeting @ 8:00 p.m., by motion of Bob Desmarais, seconded by Terry McAuliffe, and unanimously voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence McAuliffe

July 31, 2007