

Middlebury Bicentennial Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on February 8th, 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 Jan. 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed, and motioned by T. McAuliffe to accept, seconded by R. Vitarelli, and unanimously voted to accept.
3. WINTER FESTIVAL- About \$1000 dollars taken in. Very successful event, with fun for all. Ron Vitarelli to e-mail sponsor list to Terry McAuliffe for inclusion on the Bicentennial website. The Committee gave accolades to Kelly Escedy and Jill Regan-Baltrush for a job well done!
4. ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION- Bob Desmarais discussed how nice an event this was, very inspiring. He mailed out the *Thank You* notes. Ray Pietrorazio suggested that we consider having another event such as this one, to give thanks, toward the end of the year.
5. Ed Noonan reviewed a few monetary items with the committee.
6. GREENWAY WALK- Scheduled for May 20, 2007, @1:00 pm. Walk will begin at the Little League field and end at the Middlebury Firehouse parklet. There will be a list of participants developed, who will give talks on various aspects of Middlebury's history. The sub-committee has gone through a checkoff list, and all seems to be in readiness.
7. COMMEMORATIVES- Ray Pietrorazio presented the Bicentennial Banner specification and proposal by Sign-A-Rama of Middlebury. The committee will vote on its acceptance at the March 2007 meeting. Other commemoratives will be proposed at the March meeting as well.
8. FUND RAISING AND SPONSORSHIPS - R. Vitarelli brought the committee up to date on the status of these endeavors.
9. TREASURER'S REPORT- There presently is a balance of \$18,926.13 in the Bicentennial account.
10. WEB-SITE- Terry McAuliffe would like an accurate listing of sponsors to date, along with appropriate sponsorship levels, from R. Vitarelli, for inclusion on the Website ASAP. Also, he asked for sponsor contacts for obtaining their logos, and their web links.

11. NON-PROFIT status- It's here!! It is effective August 10th, 2006. The Middlebury Bicentennial Celebration is now a non-profit organization!

12. BICENTENNIAL VIDEO -

- Sponsorship Premiere showing tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2007, @ 7:00pm. A mockup of the engraved invitation was reviewed, as well as the event program and tentative guest list. A free showing for seniors was discussed, which also would take place at the firehouse on April 23rd, at 12:30 pm, as recommended by Joann Cappelletti, Director of Senior Services.
- A "teachers guide" was discussed
- The Middlebury Historical Society (Bob Rafford) has agreed to develop and provide a historical insert for the Video DVD case.
- Bob Rafford is also to provide the formal Historical Society business name to Terry McAuliffe for proper identification in the Video.

13. THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - The Middlebury Lions Club has agreed to enter a float in the parade with a Bicentennial theme. Ray Pietrorazio will be the contact coordinator for this event between the Committee, Middlebury Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Middlebury Lions Club.

14. NEW BUSINESS -

- Robin Fenn presented a metallic disc that is being offered for \$7.50 each (manufacturing cost only). The balance of cost is being donated . R. Vitarelli motioned that the committee go ahead with such a commemorative, which was seconded by R. Pietrorazio, and unanimously voted in favor. Mock-up to begin immediately, and presented to the committee for final approval before manufacture.
- Robin Fenn discussed a program of tree replacements on the Green, which will go well beyond the Bicentennial celebration, but start as part of our celebration, most likely in early October, 2007. The committee viewed this suggestion affirmatively, and will vote on it at a later date.

15. There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee adjourned the meeting @ 8:20 p-m, by motion of R. Vitarelli, seconded by T. McAuliffe, and unanimously voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Pietrorazio

February 19, 2007