

Village of Oswego 175th Anniversary Celebration Commission Minutes
Monday, December 17, 2007
Annex, 65 West Washington Street
Oswego, IL 60543

Attendance: Gert Bohn, Judy Smith, Dave Krahn, Ginny Bateman, Sue Matile, Lisa Wentzell, Kathy Melton, Bobbi Burgstone, and Michele Bergeron

Absent: Roxana Giese, Debbi Krzeminski, & Stephanie Miceli,

Guests: Ken Bohn and Carolyn Cornwell

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Judy Smith, Co-Chairman for the 175th Anniversary Commission

Introductions were made from the guests visiting.

The Commission reviewed the November minutes. A motion was made by Gert and seconded by Sue to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Birthday Party Celebration Report: Sue reported that her January plans for the event would include placing the order for the cakes, planning of games, help from the commission for the event, confirmation of entertainment and speakers. Sue then asked the group if someone would be interested in helping with the games at the event. Judy suggested that an ad/press release be run in the paper to get volunteers to help with all of the events. Kathy then offered to help with the games. She will get a group from school to coordinate for the Birthday Party Celebration.

Michele circulated a set of coloring pages of historic buildings in Oswego which had been received from Judy Siedlecki. The origin of the pages was unknown but is being looked into and could possibly be used for the March birthday party. Lisa also offered to help generate new coloring pictures from photos, if the ones that were passed around could not be used.

Michele also indicated that the Village Board was interested in hosting the event at the New Village Hall, if the location was available. Michele spoke to Gary Adams who will give us updates on the progress of the building. The school will be kept as a back up incase the new Village Hall is not ready.

PrairieFest report: Ginny Bateman reported to the group in Stephanie Miceli's absence. Stephanie contacted Fox Valley Trophy regarding the printing of the wooden nickels. Each nickel will cost \$.10 with a \$50 set-up fee. The printing of the nickels would take about 2 – 3 weeks and we can order as many as we would like. Ginny indicated that Stephanie would begin contacting the banks after the first of the New Year to see if they would be willing to sponsor this project and have their logo on one side of the nickels.

Judy Smith said that because of all of the details involved with this event, we may need to start meeting more frequently in the New Year.

Anniversary Celebration Report: Judy stressed the need for a skeleton outline for the Oswegorams activities. A food chair will be needed.

Gert and Carolyn, both members of the 19th Century Club, reported that they are working with Jim from American to host a tour of the historically named rooms at the hotel. They sought the advice of the Commission on when a good time would be to host this event. The Commission advised that Sunday, October 5th from Noon to 2 p.m. sounded like a great time. The ladies will contact Jim to work out the details.

Dave and Judy announced that after Jan. 1st, they would begin visiting all of the local organizations to discuss the Oswegorama event. Dave asked for a flyer that could be left with each club as well as potential sponsors. Lisa W. and Michele B. will begin working on it and have something available by Jan. 1st.

Michele will contact Nancy from the Library to verify that the Cemetery Walk would take place on October 2nd. Michele will report back at the January meeting.

Judy would like to meet with the business community in the near future as well as get the Chamber of Commerce involved in the event so that we can get support from the entire community.

Michele announced that the Oswego Playhouse will be performing a history of the Oswego Playhouse, acts from various past performances, during the October celebration.

Ginny let us know that the Civil War Encampment could take place on either Sat. or Sunday.

Publicity Report: Michele and Lisa W. met prior to the meeting to discuss the Publicity timeline. A handout was provided to the Commissioner and guests.

Dave and Judy the commissioners if anyone would be interested in helping visit the local clubs and organizations and Ginny indicated that she may be able to help.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Michele Bergeron
Attachment: Publicity Timeline

175th Anniversary Celebration Publicity Timeline

Birthday Party – March 9th

Publicity will begin one month prior to the event and consist of the following:

- Press Releases
- Ads in the local newspapers
- Info in Spring Newsletter
- Flyer of upcoming events will be provided at the event

PrairieFest – June 15th

Publicity for our involvement will begin one month prior to the event and consist of the following:

- Ad in PrairieFest brochure – deadline April 15th
- Press Releases
- Newsletter
- Event Brochure for Oswegorama will be available at the event

Oswegorama – October 3rd, 4th, & 5th

- Deadline for Event Brochure is May 1st
- Event Brochure sent to printer on June 1st
 - The event brochure will have a four color cover and will include the event listings as well as photos, historic info, etc.
- Ads will be run in the local newspapers
- Press Releases
- Event info in the Visitors Guide
- Oswego Community Calendar
- Newsletter