

City of Woodland

Centennial Planning Committee

1906 to 2006

Minutes

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mari Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Woodland.

Attendees: Mari Ripp, Margaret Colf Hepola, Mary Jo Kellar, Jim Graham, Edie Walker, Walter Hansen, Sr., Dave Freece, Noel Johnson, Charlie Farnell, Susan Tissot, Barb Karnis, Vivian Mosby, Joy Haasl, Gloria Loughry, Laurie Almer, Anna Belle Bauman.

Date(s) of Celebration

- A) March 4 & 5, 2006 Kick off Event
- B) 2nd week of April, 2006 – Tulip Festival
- C) April 16th-Lilac Days begins / April 19th-24th International Lilac Festival through May 14th (Mother's Day)
- D) June 17th , 18th Planter's Days
- E) September 16th Harvest Festival

Centennial Kick Off / Main Event

Discussion ensued relating to the main event. It was decided to hold the event on Saturday, March 4th & Sunday March 5th 2006. The Woodland Primary School has been reserved.

A sit-down dinner reception will be held on March 4th in the evening. Barbara Karnis volunteered to chair the event. She will get assistance from the Friends of the Library and also Bridget Cain Bushman, Librarian. Mari Ripp will also assist. On the evening's agenda will be entertainment, speakers, distinguished guests, a slide show and displays. Tables will be hosted by individuals and/or families. The committee will be soliciting for hosts. Details for the dinner were also discussed. It was decided it would be a ticketed event. Prices still to be determined. The ticket price will include a catered dinner. Mari Ripp will contact Kalama and see what they did for their centennial event. Discussion ensued relating to providing meals for distinguished guests, discounts for seniors over age 70 or 80, suggested dress/attire for the evening, rental of place settings, and getting volunteers to serve as wait staff. It was suggested that the committee can ask some of the high school clubs to consider participation in the event as a fundraiser with compensation to go to their organization. The FFA club was mentioned along with Ken Vetter, advisor.

The Sunday, March 5, 2006 event will be an open house with displays only and coffee / cookies.

Each committee will continue looking at what types of displays will be at the event and will continue looking for volunteers. Many will be needed at the kickoff event.

Security was also discussed. At a previous meeting, Chief Rob Stephenson had stated that his volunteer reserve officers could be available as needed. They may be needed after the displays are set up prior and during the events.

Entertainment. It was suggested to have some fiddler organizations. Charlie Farnell said his family may be able to provide some fiddle music. Other ideas included the Old Tyme Strings, Fred Schultz-Blue Grass band, Bob Wallila-accordion. This will continue to be discussed at the next meetings. Speakers will also be sought for the event.

Distinguished guests. Lists are being compiled by the History and Descendent Committee. They will continue working on this.

History & Descendent. It was decided to combine the History and Descendent Committees into one committee as they are related. The committee reported that they met and discussed ways to start researching, viewed many old photos and documents, and studied Mary Jo Kellar's grandmother's map of Woodland's original donation land claims. They are working on identifying Woodland's still standing early 1900's homes. It was noted that much of the early family histories can be researched through these early structures. A list was presented of what they have so far.

Margaret Colf Hepola reported on the following:

- 1) The committee is organizing a Woodland High School gathering / alumni reunion to include classes back 50+ years. They are researching and collecting Woodland school pictures from 1965 and back to the 1900's.
- 2) Organizing publication of a historical Woodland newspaper (like the 1989 *LaCenter Clipper*). Margaret provided a sample.
- 3) They would also like to see a sequel to the *History of the Woodland Community: 1850 – 1958*, Revised 2000. Margaret also has a copy of this. The original printing was dedicated to Dr. Carl Hoffman (Margaret, Grace and Laurie all have copies of the 1958 printing.)
- 4) The committee would like to have a special display on Doctor Hoffman and all the babies he delivered. It was stated that there could be as many as 2,500 deliveries in the Woodland area during his practice.
- 4) The committee is also looking into the possibility of a Woodland museum.
- 5) They are working on the historical Woodland walking tour with a possible motor tour. The Downtown Revitalization Committee recently released a new publication for a walking tour of the downtown.

Slide show/DVD/Video. Discussion followed. Ideas were to do requests for proposals for a DVD or video. The committee would like to have it available for purchase and/or take orders. It will be shown at the dinner event March 4th. Mari Ripp will be asking the City Council for a budget for this item. Then a RFP can be prepared. It was noted that Pam Young has a company that does this type of work.

Logo / Theme: The Committee reported that announcements have gone out soliciting a logo and theme. Entries are due by October 31st. The Committee will report and bring back the entries for consideration at the November 3rd meeting.

Banners: The Committee reported that they are on hold until a theme / log is selected. An idea is to place banners on light poles in downtown saying, “100 years”.

Sculpture: Joy Haasl reported that the Downtown Revitalization Committee discussed the concept of a sculpture and are excited about this idea. It is anticipated to place something at Hoffman Plaza. They will continue working on this.

Mint / Coins. The committee is contacting various vendors to get pricing and available samples and ideas.

Photo displays: The committee is working on obtaining copies of photos and other related items. Gloria Loughry volunteered to scan any photos that are obtained.

Other displays: Committee report. Mary Jo is looking into arranging a display by the Schurman family. She has the Oregon Trail / donation land claim map from Jewel (Hayes) Leathers (Mary Jo’s grandmother.) Benno Dobbe is looking into a possible old equipment show at the Tulip Festival. Noel and Vivian are looking into getting an Indian display from Ralph & Shirley Bozorth. Other ideas were to incorporate Logging, Farming (Thoeny and Tsugawa families), Dairy farming (Donald and Ferguson families) into the event.

Time Capsule: Vivian reported that she contacted Mike Golik and he is willing to volunteer for this topic. He was not able to make this meeting. The location of a time capsule buried at City Hall in the 1970’s need to be determined.

Publications: Discussion ensued. The committee would like to see a reprint of “Fields of Flowers, Forest of Firs” by Judy Card. They will be looking into this idea. Other publications include: “Water Babies” by Margaret Colf Hepola; “The Finns of the Lewis River”; “Changing Faces of Woodland”.

Charlie Farnell reported on the publication produced by a previous Woodland School 12th grade class. He also had some students that interviewed Lawrence Dorsey, age 103 and will share this information. Other resources: Woodland and Longview Public Library / microfiche.

Budget. Discussion ensued relating to 1) amount to request from City 2) other contributors 3) sponsors 4) fundraising 5) grants. Mari Ripp will put together a budget request to present to the City Council at the October 17, 2005 meeting. It was also asked if Hotel / Motel funds can be used for this. Mari Ripp answered that if it is tourism related and approved by the council, then yes. Also, sponsor letters will be prepared and sent to businesses for support. Different monetary levels of support were one idea to include in the sponsor letter.

Vendors. It was suggested to have vendors for the Planter’s Days and Harvest festival events, but not for the dinner event.

Other information. Alumni Reunion- Margaret reported on this earlier. Ralph Carpenter family-display of Cathlapotle (Margaret)

April Event-Tulip Festival. Benno was not able to attend due to illness. The event will have a farm equipment and photo display (including old farm with tulip fields).

April/May Event – Lilac Days. Joyce Carlson was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Her report will be continued to next meeting. April 16th-Lilac Days begins / April 19th-24th International Lilac Festival through May 14th (Mother’s Day).

It was suggested to incorporate the walking tour (bus tours) with a display at grange and VFW during this event.

Planter’s Days - June 17th and 18th It was suggested to have the displays at Planter’s Days too. Another idea is to have a fly-in.

Harvest Festival – September 16th. It was suggested to have the displays at the Harvest Festival.

Next meeting dates:

Thursday, November 3rd 7:00 p.m. – Logo/Theme selection, at City Hall

Note: The meeting location will be moved due to schedule conflicts at City Hall

Thursday, November 17th 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall

Thursday, December 1st 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall

Thursday, January 5th 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall

Thursday, January 19th 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings. The City of Woodland