

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
April 29, 2015
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Joan Jenkins, Pat Gunton, Russ Gunton, Albert Olive, Kathy Steele, Janet Brecht, Rick Lochen, Bill Hughes, Kay Parkinson, Greg Palaskas, Brian Palaskas, Barb Pompey, Ruth Taugher, Richard Zick, Yvonne Barrett, Cur Stevens, Jane Decker, Tina Barrasse, Joan Kupetsky, Michael Rudolf, Kathi & Dale Ferger, Jim Cummings, Jim McDonald and George Penyak

The Agenda was presented, reviewed and approve.

Minutes were reviewed from the March 25, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Curt Stevens and seconded by Rick Lochen to approve the minutes. Motion carried, the minutes were approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report: Rick Lochen gave the treasurers report.

Correspondence: Marion reported that we received correspondence from individuals for 2015 Christmas Ornaments. Marion mailed 30 ornaments for this month. Marion received Insurance quotes from Hawk Insurance Agency for the 100th Anniversary. Marion received that the Williams Grant was denied.

Old Business

Souvenir ideas for 2015 celebration are the small bell replica, the canvas bag with the logo on the front side. We discussed colors and one choice was the black bag. The Christmas ornaments with logo on one side. A candy bar with the bridge and 100th anniversary on the outside wrapper. Curt suggested railroad spikes. Marion suggested a ventricular bookmark with the bridge in construction and the finished bridge with bridge information on the back.

On Saturday September 12, 2015 the historical site will be open to the public such as churches and other buildings and organizations in the area.

A time capsule will contain programs, 100th booklet, box car, ornament and a newspaper. We also would like more ideas. The time capsule will be buried at the Train Station.

Some of the Friday night festivities will be wine & cheese, photos and music at the Catholic Church Hall. We will also have music on Main Street and other activities.

The committee is working on the Saturday program. Some of the details are history on Main Street, food vendors, parade, house tour and the steam engine will come to Nicholson and stop and riders will be able to come down into town.

Heritage will have raffle items, chocolate train, railroad quilt and many other items.

New Business:

Rick Lochen suggested a Ball to be held on Friday night. He also suggested that we have live bands on Main Street Friday night. Norm Barrett will get information about the Crystal Band playing on Friday night on Main Street.

Many ideas were discussed for the weekend and the committee is still working on the details. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Marion reported that we have 40 floats as of this date and we hope to have many more.

Johanna Lindsey is working on a booklet for the 100th and will give us more information at the next meeting.

Mt. View Band will play on Saturday. We will have a 22" Chocolate Train and will sell raffle tickets all weekend. Marion reported that a Lady is making a railroad quilt and that also will be raffled off over the weekend.

Marion will contact Lou Barletta's office to have a flay fly over the Capital in Washington on the weekend of the 100th and then it will be presented to the Heritage Association.

Mr. Jim Cummings donated three show cases to the Heritage Association for the station. Arrangement was made to pick them up this weekend and we will store them in the station until construction starts and we will make other arrangement for them.

Norm Barrett Chair of Excursions reported that he is working with Debbie Conway and other Norfolk Southern officials on having the train start at 10:00am in Scranton and arrive around 12:00 in Nicholson. They will have 18 to 20 cars and it will be pulled by 765 Engine. The Train will come to Nicholson and stop on the bridge and let the riders off and them continue to New Milford and return to Nicholson to pick up riders and continue to Scranton. Mr. Barrett also stated that the train will stop on the bridge for people to take pictures.

Mr. Barrett reported that one week before our celebration all employee of Norfolk Southern will be able to take a ride on the train from Scranton and continue to Binghamton. He also stated that Norfolk Southern will take over as new owners on June or July, 2015.

We discussed cleaning around the station and making sure that everything is done before the celebration. Rick Lochen will arrange for transportation to down town and back to the train for the passengers of the train excursion for Saturday and Sunday.

Nicholson Woman's Club: The Woman's Club reported they will have a float on 9/13/2015. They will use both Main Street and Nordahl Park on Sunday 9/13/2015. They also will need Shuttle Service back and forth to Nordahl Park on Sunday. They will set up the vendors spaces on Friday 9/11/2015. A discussion was held to give a map to visitors for vendor location. Also discussed was that more picnic tables will be needed for the weekend. Heritage agreed to do a basket for the Woman's Club on Sunday 9/13/2015 for their basket raffle.

Fireworks: Rich Lochen is working on the fireworks and will give us updates as they progress.

Shuttle Bus: Mark Novitch & Ted Roberts finalized the arrangements for the shuttle bus.

Bridge lighting for 2015: Richard Zick and David Palmer will contact the Gas Companies to do the lighting. We will have updates at each meeting.

Essay contest with schools: Marion sent the essay forms to Lackawanna Trail and they were received. We will have 8- \$50.00 winners one for each grade 4th to 12th.

Clean Up Crew: Rick Lochen will take care of the cleanup for the 100th Anniversary weekend.

Wine Festival May 9, 2015: Marion Sweet and Joan Jenkins will take care of the Heritage Booth.

Membership: Tina Barrasse is the Heritage Membership Chairman. It was discussed to have all memberships go from January to December 31st and all agreed.

Marion asked for ideas for a video of the 100th anniversary weekend. Suggestions were made and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Joan Jenkins suggested that George G. Penyak sign his logo that the Nicholson Heritage is using for the 100th anniversary. It was agreed that his name should be on all new items when using his logo.

Next meeting will be May 27, 2015

A motion was made by Curt Stevens and seconded by Jane Decker to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:3pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Irion Jenkins, Sec.