

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
September 30, 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, Kathy Steele, Janet Brecht, Tina Barrasse, Tim Hortman, Patricia McFarland, George Barbolish and Robert Gritman.

The Agenda was presented, reviewed and approved.

Minutes were reviewed from the August 26, 2015 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Tina Barrasse and seconded by Patricia McFarland. The minutes were approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report: Rick Lochen was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported that the 100th Bridge Anniversary cost \$20,000.00.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Friday night September 11, 2015 at the Catholic Hall, George Barbolish, and Myrna Lally on behalf of the heritage hosted a wine and cheese, photo exhibit of the bridge and families of the past. Carol Williams provided floral decorations for the event. The music was provided by Jack Kostige on the piano and Richard Jenkins Jr played Guitar. Several people attending wore historic costumes not only on Friday night but throughout the weekend. It was nice to have bands playing on Main Street at night.

On Saturday September 12, 2015 the historical site was open at 10am to the public such as churches and other buildings and organizations in the area. Josh Stull arranged to have speakers along with entertainment throughout the day.

Food Vendors were up and down Main Street all day. Also the Methodist Church served a ham dinner starting at noon until food was gone.

Games and entertainment was provided for the children at Nordal Park on Saturday, also some food vendors were located at the park also.

Many homes and Businesses flew the American Flags or Bunting for the 100th weekend.

A time capsule containing programs, 100th booklet, box car, ornament and a newspaper, the minutes from the August meeting. The time capsule will be buried at the Train Station at a later date.

Tony Saxton Balloons flew over the bridge on Saturday; this was a colorful site with several balloons in the air at one time.

The local Railroad Club will had a layout at the Farmer Supply all weekend.

The Mt. View Band played on Saturday.

The teachers from the local schools received the essay contest paper work. They will notify the students of the contest and send all essays to Marion. We will give \$50.00 prize to each class winner. The essays are being sent to Cynthia Stevens.

Tim Hortman provided the design for the First Day Cancellation and it took place on Friday only.

Norm Barrett Chair of Train Excursions reported that it would not take place because of the cost of liability insurance. This came a few days before the celebration and was a great disappointment to the community.

Marion completed the booklet for the 100th celebration and Scott Quigg from Pump and Pantry paid \$2,500.00 as a sponsor and the back cover will have his advertisement printed. The photos will be from the Julian Campbell glass negatives.

Tony Denaro did the fireworks for Saturday night a little earlier than planned because of the rain.

Clean Up Crew: Rick Lochen took care of the cleanup for the 100th Anniversary weekend. Thanks to all that helped they did a great job.

Greg Palaskas, Mike Stevens and Kurt Sussman did the video for the weekend and also did a video of pictures not seen by the public of the stages of the bridge being built up to the completion of the bridge in 1915.

Bob Baker of the New Age Examiner did a special section in their newspaper on the Wednesday before the celebration.

Kathy Steele and Janet Brecht provided the wreaths from Brad of the Pinery. They were placed on the Waltz and Reese graves on Friday at the celebration.

Dan Tomkins GEM 104 did the broadcast live on the weekend.

The Woman's Club and the Heritage shared the cost of the Shuttle Buses and the Porta Potties.

Bob Gritman announced the homes that he toured on Saturday began at Oak and Main Street, and then went over the foot bridge to Moses Shields on Oak & Water Street. Next up the hill to Claude Erby's home on Oak Street, and then down Harding Avenue to Lally's home on State Street. Bob and the group travel up State Street to the Barbolish home (Lumberg/Pratt home)

Mike Stevens was one of the judges for the parade he was located at the Presbyterian Church. The categories will be Most Historic, Most Original, Best Over All and Youth Group.

New Business:

It was suggested that we do a fundraiser for a Holiday Raffle and send out a card to each member and also include a membership form.

The sign beneath the bridge was not completed.

We will move all items from the Farmer Supply to Lochen's in the next few days.

Josh reported that stage 3 for the station is taking place and as soon as it is completed we will be able to put it out for bid.

It was suggested the Heritage Website have a mailing address for Pay Pal.

A newspaper article in the New Age on the status of the station will be updated.

Scenic By-Way signs will start at Deer Park to 92 and continue to the New York border.

Lathrop Grange Open House will be October 11, 2015 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

It was suggested that we reduce the prices on 100th anniversary articles. The booklet will be sold for \$ 5.00, the Black Bags for \$10.00, Bookmarkers \$1.00 and the Candy Bars will be \$1.00.

Tina Barrassé Membership chair reported that we have 113 paid member for 2015 and 6 members paid for 2016.

Next meeting will be March 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Kathy Steele to adjourn meeting and seconded by Tina Barrassé. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Irion Jenkins, Sec.