



# Minutes

## BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

### MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 | 6:00 P.M.

ADAMS COUNTY BOARD ROOM

507 VERMONT

QUINCY, IL. 62301

2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

*"MAKE NO SMALL PLANS - THINK BIG"*

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- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Chuck 6:00 P.M.
  - 2) Roll Call – Name introductions and sign in provided.
  - 3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023
    - a) Ryan Niekamp moved to approve, Barb Fletcher second, All in favor, none opposed
  - 4) Introduction of New Members
  - 5) Old Business
    - a) Community Foundation Fiscal Sponsorship
      - i) Bryden Cory update:
        - (1) Community Foundation will be our custodian of funds.
        - (2) Commission will receive donations through the foundation and will invoice/request distribution when needed. Donations are tax deductible.
  - 6) Committee Reports
    - a) **Executive Committee:** Meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
      - i) Pam Shaffer Update:
        - (1) Communication and committees are up and running. Would like all commission members to choose at least one committee to serve on.
        - (2) Exec. Has been working on all the operations and business logistics: Insurance, fiscal sponsorship, and other organizational items.
        - (3) Initial seed money is coming from Adams County.
        - (4) Bicentennial Commission is an official Commission of Adams County.
    - b) **Education Committee:** Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023
      - i) Vicky Dempsey Update:
        - (1) Minutes to be distributed in shared folder once everyone has access.
        - (2) 7 members were present and committee is welcoming more.
        - (3) 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade study local and state history and committee would like to find way to align and connect with all local schools.
        - (4) Coming up with timeline with the school districts.

- c) **Celebration Committee:** Meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - i) Katie Schelp Update:
      - (1) Would like to create a float or have some kind of representation at all celebrations that already occur throughout the county.
      - (2) Idea to have local brewery, distillery, winery create Bicentennial beverages.
      - (3) Create signature event that could go on annually: Possibly arts and culture related with music festival, concerts, workshops, performance, literary, historical elements, gala etc.
  - d) **Commemorate Committee:** Meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - i) Chuck Scholz Update:
      - (a) Chair unable to attend, but committee got together to discuss what kinds of permanent ways to commemorate.
      - (b) Find ways to honor history and leave behind work of celebration and commission.
  - e) **Fund Development Committee:** Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - i) Mark Fields Update:
      - (1) Need concrete plans with budget/dollars attached to know what to ask for.
      - (2) Looking at different grant cycles to submit, but need to know what to request. Asking committees to start thinking of costs and budget amounts.
      - (3) Likely will start with marketing needs.
      - (4) Would also have some merchandise sales to commemorate and raise funds.
  - f) **Marketing Committee:** Held individual 1-1 meetings with members.
    - i) Joi Cuartero Austin Update:
      - (1) Went over marketing plan. Channels: Website and social media being created, SMS marketing, email, advertising, news media etc.
      - (2) Merchandise & Commemorative Items
        - (a) To have something to give away at the Adams County Fair
      - (3) Committees to provide info with what they are doing in order to market/promote:
        - (a) Programming & Events as well as Partner Activities: all the county happenings
      - (4) Expanding committee and looking for representation throughout the county.
      - (5) Relationships with Elliot publishing: Liberty Bee, Camp Point Journal etc.
- 7) Budget
  - 8) Timeline
  - 9) New Business: Joi went over committee resources
    - a) AdamsCo200.org
    - b) Resources: Email, Office 365 folders, sample work plan and agenda
      - i) Email to be sent to all Committee Chairs with log in information for the shared Office 365 folders. Chairs can share log in with their committee members to access folders.
  - 10) Other
    - a) Adams County Fair
      - i) Sign Up: need volunteers for a booth at fair.
      - ii) Want to have some give away items and QR Code to website: donate, volunteer, submit stories, photos etc. Flyers, magnet, water, sign up sheets.
    - b) Historical Society: Helping people write their story for "Memoirs in Illinois"
    - c) Reg: History of Adams County seat. Learned about how the county seat was meant for the center of Adams County, but landed in Quincy.
    - d) Encourage all committees to have next date set for their committee meetings
      - i) Fund Development Committee: August 10
      - ii) Education Committee:
  - 11) Adjourn
    - a) Mark Peter motion to adjourn, Bryden Cory second, All in favor, none opposed
  - 12) **Next Meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

Adams County 200 Attendance	6/21/23	3/21/23
Adam Duesterhaus	X	NA
Alan Hickman	X	NA
Andrea Schaffnit	X	
Art Awerkamp		X
Barb Fletcher	X	X
Barb Holthaus	X	
Beth Young	X	NA
Bill Stalder	X	NA
Brad Kestner		X
Brian McGee		
Bridgette Northern	X	NA
Bryden Cory	X	X
Carlos Fernandez		X
Carol Shaffer		
Chuck Scholz		X
Conrad McNay	X	
David Bockhold	X	X
Dean Huber	X	NA
Erin Knapheide		
Gary Farha	X	X
Holly Cain	X	X
Honorable Dennis Cashman		
Hubert Staff		
Jack Freiburg		
Jane Moody	X	NA
Jason Parrott		
Jill Reis		X
Jim Mentesti	X	X
Joi Austin	X	X
Judy Siebers		X
Kathi Dooley	X	
Katie Shelp	X	
Kent Snider		
Laura Sievert		
Leon Wood	X	NA
Matt Bergman	X	X
Mandor Dighe		
Mark Field	X	X
Mark Peter	X	X
Mark Tyrpin		
Marty		X
Mike Dade	X	
Pam Shaffer	X	X
Paul Moody	X	NA
Randy & Ronda Frese		
Reg Ankrom	X	
Ryan Niekamp	X	X
Sophia Shaffer		
Ted Niemann	X	
Theresa Bockhold	X	X
Vicki Dempsey	X	X
Wendell Wray	X	NA