

Minutes

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 6:00PM

JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rooms D024 & D025

1301 South 48th Street

Quincy, IL. 62305



"MAKE NO SMALL PLANS - THINK BIG"

Chairman Chuck Scholz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on September 20, 2023. Chairman Scholz started the meeting by having everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

The commission entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting. The motion was made by F. Bryden Cory, and seconded by Jack Freiburg. The minutes were approved as printed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Scholz advised that the County Board had officially appointed everyone to the commission.

Ryan Niekamp provided an update on the bicentennial's website located at www.AdamsCo200.org. Ryan stated that if anyone has any information to put on the website, they should reach out to the marketing committee.

Pam Schaffer provided a recap on the Adams County Fair, and it was a success. The commission handed out cozies, and cold water with the commission's logo. Pam stated that they were already thinking about what to do next year at the Fair.

Chuck Scholz provided an update on the Executive Committee. Chuck stated who is on the committee and provided an update on what the objective is for the executive committee. Chuck also went over quick fundraising thoughts and commitments for the bicentennial celebration. Additionally, the next step for the committee, and commission, is to come up with sponsorship levels for the fundraising efforts.

Jack Freiberg provided an update on the Education Committee. They have different commissioners assigned to different time periods of County history. Jack also stated that they are working on producing a short 20-minute film that they would show to groups, schools, etc. Mr. Freiburg stated that they also want to create a school curriculum in the 4th and 5th graders within Adams County so they would have a base knowledge for Adams County.

Kathi Dooley provided an update on the Celebration Committee. Kathi provided updates on which endeavors they are pursuing. Jane and Paul Moody are working hard on the one-room schoolhouse tours. Kathi stated they are going to be celebrating the centennial and decentennial farms in Adams County. Katie Schelp will be championing Camp Point Chautauqua event. Bryden Cory brought the concept of having liquor created to help commemorate the 200th birthday which would also be a fundraiser. Kathi provided an update that on January 18, 2025 will be the kick-off event for the bicentennial commission. There will be a midterm celebration in the summer time, after the fourth of July. There will be a grand finale event in September at the Adams County Fair Grounds.

Barb Fletcher provided an update on where the Commemorate Committee is working on. The committee is working on the centennial farms and what types of markers they'd be looking at using. The committee is also looking what how they will mark on the presidential site visits, etc.

The fundraising committee asked all other committees to get their budgets submitted to them so they are able to go and ask for funds to celebrate.

Adam Duesterhaus provided the update on marketing in Joi's absence. Adam thanked the Relish Jar for helping the Commission get the website created and live. Adam provided an update on the G-Drive that will be used which will be easier to use than the county's 365 account. Currently the committee is working on getting the G-Drives ready for everyone to use.

F. Bryden Cory provided a financial update. The Commission had \$5,000 and then went over the expenses such as: cozies, table skirts, promo items, etc. Pam Schaffer stated that the table skirt, and logo items would be available if anyone in the Commission would like use it and to contact Ryan Niekamp to get the items.

Chuck Scholz provided update on a \$50,000 grant through the Arts Council of Quincy Funding Grant which once a design is created, the commission could then be eligible for a \$2 million grant to be used for an item down by the Riverfront.

There was a discussion regarding the future meeting dates and location. Most of the consensus was there was no preference of where the meetings should be located. The commission also planned for the future dates of the commission and a list of dates will be published later.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM.