

# Minutes

## BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

### MEETING

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:00PM

JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rooms D024 & D025  
1301 South 48th Street  
Quincy, IL. 62305



*“MAKE NO SMALL PLANS - THINK BIG”*

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Chairman Chuck Scholz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on June 26, 2024. Chairman Scholz started the meeting by having everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

The commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.

Chairman Scholz thanked everyone for coming.

Everyone went around room and introduced themselves.

Motion to approve was made by Barb Hotlhaus, seconded and minutes were approved as printed.

Chairman Scholz asked Acclaim Press to come forward to go over the project overall for the commissioners. Doug Sikes spoke on behalf of the publisher to the commissioners. Doug stated that his company uses a 8.5"x11" acid-free archivable paper and is sewn together through a needle and thread. The book publication will become a community project and showcase the entire county of Adams. Doug stated the reserve orders will be \$49.95, once the book comes out the book price will be around \$59.95. For the pre-orders, family names can be embossed on the book for a heirloom. Doug Sikes read over the initial outline of the book. Chairman Scholz announced that Adam Duesterhaus will be the chair for the Bicentennial Book Committee and it's extremely important that the news of the book gets out in the media, so it reaches as many families as possible. The goal of the completion of the book and ready for delivery will be late 2025. Kathi Dooley asked who edits the books. Doug answered that the book committee will be editing the book primarily. Alan Hickman asked why someone would want to pay \$60 for the book. Mr. Sikes answered that Mr. Hickman is welcomed to put his family history in the book – the book is for everyone. Mr. Farha spoke that there was some discussion previously about ensuring that there is diversity in the book and it's a pivotal point to ensure it is in the book.

Chairman Scholz thanked the Executive Committee for all the great work that they have done thus far. Chairman Scholz thanked Mark Field as well for his tremendous fundraising already. Bryden Cory provided a financial report for where the committee is sitting currently.

Jack Freiberg stated that the committee has submitted the 32 items for the ruler to Scott at Pepsi's graphic designer. The committee has been working on, as of lately, a brochure that fleshes out the history of Adams County. Mr. Friegberg put together a list of industrialist and developers of Adams County. Jack stated that the idea of the brochure is to bring depth to something behind the ruler. The ruler will reach about 10,000 students of Adams

County. Chairman Scholz stated that just because not everyone makes it on the ruler timeline, there are other ways they will be listed in the county's history. The committee is very limited to 32 times at that maximum. The committee has not had a chance to work on video yet.

Kathi Dooley stated that the brochure that Jack Friegbug discussed may be as many sheets as anyone will want on it. Additionally, there will be an opening brochure much like the colon-rectal cancer brochure from a local hospital that will complement the ruler and expand on the timeline items of the ruler. Kathi Dooley stated that from the celebrate committee that the gala is on, and that committee is working on making it spectacular. Mr. and Mrs. Moody stated that back in 2009, a man spoke to an honorary teacher sorority and talked about Lisa McMee – and donated 23 framed covers – 15 complete magazines which have his artwork to the Quincy Arts Center. Kathi Dooley stated that she was trying to get a piece of music written for the County Honor Band (area high school students) to play and the request for funding from Arts Quincy Grant was denied. Ryan Niekamp asked how much the music would cost. Kathi Dooley stated that it would be about \$7,000 which would be for a seven-minute piece of music. Kathi Dooley stated they are looking for a Dogwood maker. Pam Shaffer announced that John Giebhart has offered a small log cabin to be part of the Bicentennial float. Kathi Dooley also announced the Park Band is ready to play on Memorial Day, and the commission needs to come up with how we will honor certain groups – it was noted that at a previous state meeting, it was decided to honor the long-time businesses in Adams County. Kathi noted that Katie Schelp is working on the Quincy Chitaqua and in the Camp Point Library has about 25 different books on their Chitaqua and is being chaired by Monica Scholz. The finale will be conducted on September 26<sup>th</sup> and currently the committee is working on getting the entertainment and the Bicentennial has made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of decision.

In Barbara Fletcher's absence, Chairman Scholz provided a recap of the Commemorate Committee. He stated that they are working on the timelines and historical plaques for across the county.

Mark Field provided an update on fundraising and passed out the brochure that is being handed out and asked the commission to help spread the word about needing money for the events of Bicentennial.

In Joi Austin's absence, Adam Duesterhaus provided the marketing update. He stated that WGEM, as part of our media partner, will be conducting a series of education videos. Adam shared that press releases have went out and will continue to be sent out. Also noted by Adam was the importance for everyone to use the G-Drive so Joi, himself and Ryan Niekamp and keep updated on everyone's activities so they can be shared.

Gary Farha asked that committee to make sure we keep continuing asking for money from different people as there are a lot of legacy projects that will need to be funded at the end of the commission.

Ryan Niekamp spoke about the need to get commissioners to help out with the Fair coming up in July.

Chairman Scholz asked that if anyone knows of any service leagues that need a speaker, the Bicentennial would appreciate the opportunity to speak. Pam Shaffer and Ryan Niekamp will be speaking the a service club in the upcoming weeks.

Reg Ankrom was asked to provide a history lesson and he obliged.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.