

Minutes

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 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 6:00 pm on August 21, 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.

The motion to approve the June 26, 2024, Commission Minutes were approved unanimously as printed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman Scholz stated that the Executive Committee did not have a whole lot to discuss at the moment.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Jack Freiburg provided a recap on the Ruler project which was almost completed with design and the committee had been working on final corrections with spelling and placement, etc. Mr. Freiburg also stated that the committee was working on creating the script for the 20 minutes video and the committee will be meeting on the topic shortly to discuss the video more in depth. The committee also stated they are working on various lists with categories such as, veterans, industrialist, sports and other delineation of people with the ultimate goal of this project will be a foldout timeline to hand out. Kathi Dooley noted that there should be an additional page as well as the community has many service clubs, etc., that should be apart of this publication and the discussion ended with those types of entities would need to pay for their entry into the book the commission is publishing instead of being placed into the brochures.

CELBRATION COMMITTEE:

Kathi Dooley provided the report to the commission. It was mentioned that everyone needed to sign up to receive an invitation to the Gala on January 18th. There is also a bicentennial bourbon that is be created to celebrate the year of Adams County. Additionally, there is a print that is being made in celebration of the bicentennial just like there use to be for the Dogwood. Kathi stated that the tickets for the Gala would be around \$100 and there will be a good band that will performing and the Knapheide's are graciously donating the band and hosting the Gala for the commission along with Ryan Tanner and Jay Croucher who are donating the Armory for the celebration. The

President of JWCC is a scholar of the underground railroad and he is working with others of the underground community and will be hosting an underground railroad symposium in February of 2025. Dr. Seamon was in attendance, and he would like to create a Religious Freedom Day in the month of May. The celebration would be for all religions as Adams County played an integral part in many different religions. The day would consist of a breakfast, a proclamation reading and signing, music festivities, and a symposium.

Alta and Sandy were in attendance from the Arts Center. They will be bringing back a Christmas Celebration with a Christmas Gala which will be on December 20th of 2025. The event will be at the Ambiance and will be themed with the Bicentennial.

COMMEMORATE COMMITTEE:

The report was given by Leon Wood. He reported that the committee was working on preliminary design ideas for sesquicentennial farms. The committee is also working on getting designs for presidential markers of those who had visited Adams County. Additionally, the committee is working on how the time capsule aspect of commemoration will fully work by including schools, etc., with the official closing of the capsule will be at the Fair Grounds at the finale event. Leon Wood also provided a recap of how the timeline memorial at the Courthouse was commencing and the wrap of for the semi-trailer. December first of 2024 will be the drop-dead date for the items to be placed on the timeline.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The report was given by Mark Field. Mr. Field stated that fund development is going very well with one of the most recent donations by Ursa Farmers Co-Op. He thanked everyone for their hard work and stated they'd keep working on it.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

Report given by Adam Duesterhaus. The committee had been busy getting press releases out for other committees. There had been new additions to the official website with includes all the media coverage the commission is receiving. WGEM had started working on their bicentennial page and their dedicated program. He was stated that if anyone needed anything from the committee to reach out to Joi, or Adam.

BOOK COMMITTEE:

Report was given by Adam Duesterhaus. The committee had met two times to date with Acclaim being present at both. Currently the committee is working on assigning articles out. Steve Belko talked about how drop-off and how he and some of his students will be going throughout the county to get stories and pictures from the community. There was discussion about getting an editor who can ensure everything is in correct tense, grammar is correct, etc. It was also noted that there will be around 20,000 mailers going out to all of Adams County (and Quincy) in the coming days.

Bryden Cory provided a recap of the commission's financials.

Ryan Niekamp provided a recap of the Fair. He stated that over 400 shirts were handed out. There was a lot of interest in the books and the booth was very busy. The commission had over 20 volunteers help at the booth.

Pam Shaffer spoke about the concept of a mobile museum. She stated that Quincy Museum (Katie Roskamp-Ellerbrock and Nancy Benz) will be the host of the museum, and this will be a movable museum that will be shown in conjunction with the box trailer that has the timeline on it. The mobile museum will travel throughout the county in the year of 2025.

Jane Moody provided an update on school tours. She thanked Kevin Dicks at the Adams County Highway department for helping put all the one-room schoolhouses on a map.

Reg Ankrom provided a history lesson to the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.