

# Village of Paw Paw **Historical Commission**

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## **Sesquicentennial Planning Group (SPG) RE-CAP of DEC. 11, 2008**

The SPG includes the Village of Paw Paw Historical Commission and other Sesquicentennial volunteers. These include: (P=present at last meeting)

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Amanda Martinez, 655-6710, 413 Water Street - P

- 1. Next Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Thursday January 29, 2009 at the Time Capsule Museum, Host**
- 2. Topics covered included: (in no particular order)**
  - A. Kid Games: Cindy and Amanda presented an outline for the type of games and age groups. They include: Sack Race, 3-Legged Race, Wheel Barrow race, Hoop Role, Foot Race, Tug of War. They are considering a potato spoon race. Ribbons will be used as prizes.
  - B. A Horseshoe tournament sponsor is needed. Deb, Cindy and Amanda are seeking a sponsor for the horseshoe tournament. It was discussed that the American Legion may be interested. Cindy and John (American legion member) will follow up on the horseshoe tournament. Most likely trophies will be used as prizes.
  - C. Discussion regarding time and locations of the games and other events on Saturday, was mentioned and will need further consideration. More on this at the next meeting. Larry is to mail all a map of Tyler.

- D. Cindy and Amanda presented a 'Beautiful Baby' contest (one cent = one vote) for babies born in 2009 or not more than 1 year old would be eligible. This idea will be explored further and reported on in January 2009.
- E. Kevin mentioned he has three restaurateurs interested in looking at a historical dinner but was having trouble with recipes or resources. Larry will try to help. Kevin will continue to explore ideas for this and report back.
- F. An 1858 rules Baseball game as played by the current House of David team is possible. They would play a local group. Their schedule comes together after the first of the year. Larry will continue to explore this and report back.
- G. Craft and period demonstrators as well as period actor/impersonator could be scheduled to make an appearance. Deb was to explore contacts with the VB County Historical Association to tie in with their program at their museum in Hartford. Ginny, Ed and Larry will continue to explore other ideas.
- H. A President James Buchanan look-alike could be in the parade and present for the birthday (Aug. 9, 2009). Everyone will look into this possibility.
- I. A History Quiz Bowl or Jeopardy type game was mentioned at an earlier meeting. No additional information was presented at this meeting.
- J. A recipe contest, Pie eating, and baking contests (jams, pickles, etc.) are still possibilities with interest. More from Kevin, Ginny and Ed at a future meeting.
- K. The 1859 fashion show concept had been discussed at a prior meeting. Margaret will continue to work on this and report at a future meeting.
- L. The logo contest is ready to get off the ground. Jan, Kevin and Ginny have been working on it and will have the information to the schools in January. Deadline for submissions is January 29, 2009. The winning logo will be used on printed materials and the sesquicentennial wooden nickel. Runners up will also be printed. Submissions should be present at the January meeting, January 29, 2009..
- M. Fireworks are set for Friday August 8, 2009. Still in the works are the activities for that evening. Thoughts include... the beard contest, the fashion show, and the ice cream social. All of which would keep people at the lake front prior to the Fireworks.
- N. Ed is ready to get going with the beard contest. Entry forms will be available after the first of the year. If the contest is held Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>, the entrants can walk in the Saturday parade and the shaving auction can be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Ed will continue to put this together.
- O. A period photo booth was discussed at a prior meeting. No additional information was presented at this meeting. Deb will explore and report.
- P. The cow drop was explored. No additional information was presented at this meeting. Larry will work with Ted Major on the idea.

- Q. The Killifer family dedication was discussed at a prior meeting. No additional information was presented at this meeting. Roman will continue to follow up on this and report.
- R. Susan has been tracking down the play that has a song about Paw Paw and will try to encourage Village Players to do a special production during August 2009.
- S. The idea of an ice cream social was discussed at a prior meeting. No additional information was presented at this meeting. Larry will continue to try and put this together and report.
- T. Susan mentioned she is working to contact other groups to do things in August or the on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of August. She has contacted the alumni group about a dinner. She has also contacted the churches about a Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) Sunrise service on the lake. Susan will continue to explore these ideas.
- U. Jan is making contact with the Casco Band and the Potawatami Indians about being involved in the celebration somehow. Jan will continue to explore these possibilities.
- V. Roman has contacted a musket group that may become involved for the celebration.
- W. Families to honor has been discussed at prior meetings. Research is still underway. No additional information was available at this meeting. Margaret, Susan and Butch agreed to research founding families and report back to the group.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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