

# City of Brecksville Bicentennial 1811 – 2011

## MINUTES

### Bicentennial Meeting of the Whole November 11, 2009

The Meeting of the Whole was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Co-Chairman F. DeWolf in the Human Services Gathering Room. There was a total of 42 members in attendance (35 members and 7 new members). We now have approximately 70 members and continue to welcome anyone who would like to volunteer on any of our committees. Co-Chairman DeWolf welcomed all members, and since it was Veterans Day he requested that all veterans stand and they were given a round of applause. Chairman DeWolf commended everyone on the planning that has been accomplished for the year 2011.

Co-Chairman Faulhaber discussed the Events Calendar. To date the following events are being planned: Home Tours, Gardening Tours Cemetery Tours, Christmas Home Lighting Tours, Garden Club Projects, Time Capsule, Beard Growing Contest and Ghost Whisperer. Events under consideration are: 5K run, GAR Detachment in Cemetery's, Brecksville Squares at Home Days, Silent Auction, Scout Troops Clean Up Cemetery's and Bicentennial Car Show in the Spring. Following are planned events:

- January - The kick-off for the Bicentennial will be the Christmas Parade on December 5, 2010
- February – Bicentennial Ball on February 5, 2010
- March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Local Community History Projects
- April – All Student Involvement
- May – Memorial Day Parade
- June – The Music Man will combine BLT and BTOTS, School Band and Students, and Brecksville Home Days
- July – Civil War Enactment at Broadview Heights City Complex and Broadview Heights Home Days
- August – Brecksville Kiwanis Horse Show, Tent Circus at Broadview Heights and Brecksville Historical Corn Roast
- September – 911 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Art Show, Clambake – Brecksville and Broadview Heights Fire Departments and a Car Show in Broadview Heights
- October – Brecksville Historical Apple Butter Festival, Broadview Heights Historical Antique Show & Flea Market, Metro Parks Fall Fest, Go Show Chamber of Commerce, Broadview Heights Chamber Scare Crow Contest and Boo Fest and Brecksville Booville Halloween Party
- November – Concert Ending Type Project, 11-11-11 Veteran's Day, Honor All Veterans and Heartfelt Holidays – Center for the Arts
- December – Christmas Parade and Bury a Time Capsule

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All events will try to involve students as well as adults.

**Finance Committee** – Co-Chairwoman Burlingham advised that the Finance Department is working on a 2010 Budget for the Bicentennial. She asked that each committee designate a person to interact with our Finance and Purchasing Departments.

**Secretary Committee** – It was requested that each committee appoint a secretary and all minutes and information should be emailed to Mary Scullin and Bonnie Longo.

**Publicity/Graphics Committee** – Chairwoman Farr attended the Chamber's Go Show along with Co-Chairmen DeWolf and Faulhaber, Midge Cassidy, Lynda Sabat and Margaret DeWolf. She felt a pull up banner, balloons, table shirt with logo and name tags would have helped promote the Bicentennial. A kick-off item in December of 2010 could be a Christmas ornament, with the logo on one side and a picture of City buildings on the other side. Chairwoman Farr will be getting prices and Event Committee Chairwoman Sabat has prices from Bronners (see Events section). Another idea was a battery operated candle for the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Other items discussed were a coffee table pictorial book, clocks for donors and/or sale, create a yearbook (a fee would be charged to be in the book), and a DVD photo/video documentary of the City of Brecksville which would include interviews with Mayors current and past.

**Historian Committee** – Chairwoman Bartsch advised the group that this committee meets the last Monday of every month. They have had two meetings so far and the next will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This committee currently has 8 committee members and is looking for more to participate. To date the committee is considering four projects: a Historical Program Series, a Third-Grade History Book (possibly a story book), The Family Packet (document each family, mementos and memoirs could be included) and a Commemorative Adult Book (this would be a combination of the past and present – it would be published in 2012 to include all information and pictures of the Bicentennial).

**Events Committee** – Chairwoman Sabat confirmed February 5, 2011 as the date for the Bicentennial Ball. A site is still being decided upon, but the Ball Committee has a list of what will be needed to have the event at a catering establishment or an office building.

The 2010 Kick-Off Parade will be on December 5, 2010, Chairwoman Sabat mentioned a possibility of having the Clydesdales in the parade. She contacted Bronners regarding ornaments and prices; for 100-149 ornaments it is \$4.60 per one sided ornament, second side add 40 cents. There is a color plate fee: first color per side \$40 additional colors \$35. Shipping would be \$12 per carton of 50 individually boxed ornaments. It would take 6 weeks to complete the order from start to finish.

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Chairwoman Sabat advised that the art show is under discussion and they need someone to be in charge. There are plans for a Christmas lighting contest through the Brecksville Chamber of Commerce. And the Beautification Committee is planning a Century Home & Garden Tour; five property owners have already agreed to be part of this event.

Chairwoman Sabat met with the Brecksville Historical Association to discuss creating a newspaper with historic landmarks and homes from Brecksville and Broadview Heights. She had an example of one that was from Peninsula. Kathy Wilmer of the library was also contacted and she provided a copy of former home tours and also a 1976 Scavenger Hunt in the Brecksville Cemetery which will hopefully be re-created by the Theater Groups. A square dance group has been contacted and will participate at Home Days in 2010 and 2011. This will be a family event.

Chairwoman Sabat contacted Reverend Karen Oehl of the Brecksville Methodist Church who is willing to coordinate all community churches for a possible Thanksgiving Program or an All Saints Community Program in 2011.

**Project Committee** – Co-Chairman DeWolf introduced Project Chairman Giere. The following items were discussed at their October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sylvia Fowler researched the possibility of creating historic playing cards. Decisions that need to be made: What would be on the cover of the card? the logo? historic buildings? or both? Would this be done with a nonprofit status (Bicentennial)? How would the cards be sold and who would the money go to? Could photos be used from the city calendar? from the Historical Association's archives? What photos would be used for Broadview Heights? Or should they have sponsors for each card and they would select their own photo? The committee could select 54 photos and have a sponsor for each – cards would be sold at different prices (numbered cards - \$75, face cards and jokers - \$150 and aces for \$200). That total would cover the cost of printing. A minimum of 1000 decks of cards must be ordered; if a deck was sold at \$10 the profit would be \$5500. The committee will check to see if there is a price break for ordering more than 1000 decks of cards.

Gina Muffet gathered information on the Kelley Circus. Richfield and Sagamore Hills have had a circus for several years but would not give out any fundraising information, but it sounded like it might be a “break even” event. Kelley Circus is only currently scheduling for 2010. More research will be done on this event. Dan Biggs will be gathering information on a hot air balloon launch.

Other issues that were discussed at the meeting were: offering \$25 memberships to the Bicentennial Committee (\$15 towards expenses and \$10 towards respective historical societies), how much money does the City want to raise? More fundraisers are needed – possibly a train ride – a “Bicentennial Express Wine and Cheese Party.” There is a need for more people to join the committee.

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Chairman Giere advised that the Project Committee meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Brant Giere's office. The next meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Theatrical & Entertainment Productions** – Chairman Frank Wilson discussed the Summer Theater Program – Brecksville Little Theater, Brecksville Theater on the Square and Spot Lights. All actors will help with the tour events. The school, Chuck Valley and Ryan Nowlin have been advised of scheduled dates. The production of "Music Man" will be held the weekend of June 17, 2011 at the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Auditorium. The event may also take place on a second weekend. The school band, orchestra, students in theater, community theaters and community musicians will all participate in this production.

Co-Chairman DeWolf asked Co-Chairman Faulhaber to inform the group of the event taking place on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Co-Chairman Faulhaber announced that Broadview Heights was having a "1<sup>st</sup> Settler Roadside Marker Dedication" at the northeast corner of Broadview and Boston Roads. Immediately following will be a program and reception at Piper's III Restaurant at 1:30 p.m.

**Open Discussion** – A member of the audience asked if they would consider digitizing golf towels, beach towels, etc. as a fundraiser for the Bicentennial. A cost will be looked into to digitize the logo. The Bicentennial logo will be put on all of the City vehicles in January 2010. Tom Fowler advised that the farm wagon that was used 100 years ago for the parade will be refurbished and rebuilt for the Bicentennial parade. Home Days in 2011 will be four days rather than three – the Alumni Banquet will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open invitation to all graduates.

Due to the holidays, there will not be a Meeting of the Whole on December 9, 2009, but Standing and Sub-Committees are encouraged to have a meeting. The next Meeting of the Whole is scheduled on January 13, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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