

## City of Rock Falls 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Fifth Meeting 9-13-2016 6:00pm

### Attendees:

Mayor Wescott, Clerk Arduini, Russ Siefken, Marie Hoagland, Gene Jacoby, Tim Keller, Becky Wilkinson, Robert Bales, Brenda Sisson, Jodi Perez, Rev. Solomon Sudhakar, Corey Sulouff

Mayor Bill Wescott welcomed the guests, and the group introduces themselves. Mayor Wescott mentioned that the celebration will take place July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The organization will need to have more people involved, and the people involved will likely be mostly different people than those who helped plan the 100<sup>th</sup>, and 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Each day will have a theme, and a chairman for each day will need to be found. Mayor Wescott informed the group that it is his hope to have many of the events take place in the RB&W District area which will hopefully be ready for the event.

The group viewed the 12 submissions for the logo contest. Local artists had also reviewed the submissions, and the suggested that the winner of the contest should be the submission from John Gragert. The group agreed.



Mr. Pignatelli may be opening up the former Sauk Valley Bank Building for the headquarters of the celebration. Whether that building or not, there needs to be a headquarters, with volunteers helping to run the store and set up displays. Some ideas for the headquarters were:

- Displays of antique clothing
- A vintage clothing resale shop for the event
- A cookbook produced with local recipe submissions for sale.
  - This will need about 800 recipes to be submitted.
- Commemorative coins, and other memorabilia sold as a fundraiser.
- The contents of the time capsule would be on display, and donations to the next one being buried could be received.

Fundraising ideas included a 50 /50 drawing, a cookbook, pancake breakfast, and a craft show with the booth rental going toward the event.

## **CALENDAR**

**-Saturday 7-29-2017** Night of the the opening ball.

It will have to be decided to have a multi piece band (like a wedding band) or a DJ will be hired. The band would have to be able to play many types of music. In the past ball admission tickets were sold around town, and the lady who sold the most tickets would be the Queen of the Ball. Formerly the ball was held in the RFHS gymnasium

**-Sunday 7-30-2017** Church Day

**-Monday 7-31-2017** Possible Air Show with events at the airport  
Airplanes will be returning from Oshkosh

**-Tuesday 8-1-2017** Possible Air Show with events at the airport

**-Wednesday 8-2-2017** OPEN

**-Thursday 8-3-2017** OPEN

**-Friday 8-4-2017** The Marching Rockets Alumni Band would like to chair the events for Friday. They would like to set up a concert in the park with an ice cream social. A video montage could be presented at the event. They would like to involve the Rock Falls High School Band, and Rhythm Quest, and the Barber shoppers. If the amphitheater is not ready, Hinders Field, or the Rock Falls High School Gym would be alternate locations.

**-Saturday 8-5-2016** Parade

One or more of the evenings may have a fireworks display. Corey Sulouff recommended that if larger 6" shells are used, the display may be set off at the Lower Dam, Lawrence Park, Route 40, Hinders Field, or the park on the Sterling side of river across from Lawrence Park.

Possible Events that would need to be chaired:

Carnival, Circus, Craft Show, Corn Boil, Walking tour of buildings downtown.

A movie in the park on one of the nights was a consideration. Becky Wilkinson thought it could come together with the help of the high school.

The event needs to begin to be publicized.

Newspaper ads

150<sup>th</sup> banners on the light poles around town

Add recycling containers to the trash containers downtown and place ads on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm