



City of Rock Falls 150th Anniversary Celebration

14th Meeting 5-23-2017 6:00pm

Attendees:

Mayor Wescott, Clerk Arduini, Marie Hoagland, Becky Wilkinson, Robert Bales, Marsha Melchi, Gene Jacoby, Russ Siefken, Melinda Jones, Charlene Smith, Wayne Abell, Connie Selmi, Bill Abate.

1. Call to order - Mayor Wescott

Mayor Bill Wescott thanked the attendees, and reported that the planning for the event is winding down.

2. Review notes of previous meeting.

The group reviewed the notes of the previous meeting, and they were approved as written.

3. Marketing discussion

Some products have arrived at City Hall, and the remainder will be arriving in the next couple of days. The items will be taken to the headquarters on west 2nd Street. Sauk Valley Bank will be providing a credit / debit card reader for the headquarters. The Mayor and Clerk will be taking the deposits to the bank on the nights that the store is open.

Banners are being produced for the store, and some will also be made to put around town.

Mayor Wescott reported that \$10,200 has come in from sponsorship of the event.

Pricing for the items in the store will be:

Grocery totes \$3.00	Leisure Blanket \$12.00	Lunch Buddy \$10.00
Budget Mugs \$5.00	Umbrella \$15.00	Backpack \$3.00
Keychain \$2.00	Koozie \$1.00	SS Tumbler \$15.00
Frisbee \$2.00	Pen \$1.00	Cookbook \$15.00

The hours initially will be:

Saturday 10 - 3 Monday 10 - 3 Thursday 3 - 7

5. Committee Reports:

Air Celebration

Gene Jacoby reported that it is going well. They are working to secure a Hawker Hurricane, and Marine jets.

Sunday Worship:

Fliers have been handed out to area churches, there will be some other events happening on Sunday including:

Beard Finals

Peace Pole Dedication

The event will need sound, bathrooms, and possibly a keyboard or piano.

Some churches have not received information about a bell choir.

Music on the Riverfront

Tim Lawrence has not been able to be contacted.

RFHS has found a band director, they are unsure of the band being able to participate.

Alumni Drum Line, Alumni Band, and Barber shoppers are scheduled.

Parade

Mayor Wescott reported that the Chamber of Commerce mailed 600 invitation to the parade, and they have already received 37 entries. Clerk Arduini reported that the Rt. 40 bridge will be closed with detours for the event.

Craft Show

Melinda Jones informed the group that 36 booths have been paid for. The spaces are 10x10. Marking of the spaces will be done during the day on Thursday August 3rd.

Time Capsule

The time Capsule will be unearthed on July 24th, 2017 at 10:00am at Seward's Park There will be video, and The Sterling Rock Falls Historical Society will be there to help archive the items as they are removed for display. Wes Chapman has placed 2 hot wheels in a coffee can as a child, and that is all we know of contained in the capsule. The new time capsule location will be at the new RB&W Park. The Optimist Club will help as greeters, and security for the items to be on display at the High School.

Ball

The doors will open at 5:00pm.

The miss sesquicentennial finals will be at 5:30pm.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm with food provided by the Candlelight Inn

Class Act II will provide entertainment at 7:00 – 9:00pm

Committee Member Items

The Historical presentations will be held in the new Merrill School Cafeteria rather than at the Middle School.

The open houses at the utilities are to help explain how Rock Falls' utilities work for the residents, and they are owners in their own utilities.

The Paula Sands Live show will be an entire show dedicated to the Sesquicentennial.

The RB&W Park dedication will be held on July 26th in the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at the Sesquicentennial Headquarters on June 1st at 5:00pm
Meeting Adjourns at 7:04pm