

New Baltimore Bicentennial Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2009

Members in attendance: Cliff Baldwin, Clesson Bush, Chris Byas, Donna Degnen, Dick and Bonnie Hotaling, Susan McCuen, Arlene McKeon, Betty and John Nickles, Joyce and Jeff Schoenig, Lynn Taylor

- Meeting called to order by Chairlady Joyce Schoenig at 10:10.
- Reading of minutes from March and corrections were entered.
- Jeff attempted to open a bank account for the NBBC but found out that the committee has to file for a DBA first. Joyce and Arlene will go to Catskill Tuesday to file the appropriate paperwork.
- Jeff Schoenig was pressed into service as treasurer as well as recording secretary. He reports a balance of an uncashed check from the Town of New Baltimore for \$100.00.
- Clesson Bush has accepted the position to head up the Videography Subcommittee. He reports:
 1. The upcoming presentation by the New Baltimore Agricultural Committee featuring Pauline Van Etten and Edgar Van Slyke will be videotaped.
 2. Audio tapes exist from interviews of local town residence done by the Heritage Society of New Baltimore from the 1970's. Arrangements are being made to have these tapes digitized.
 3. Personal interviews will continue. An updated list of individuals to be interviewed will be submitted to the subcommittee by the recording secretary.
 4. A new book in the form of a CD is available from noted town historian A.J. Gambino. It features New Baltimore's contribution to nautical history along the Hudson River. CD is \$12 and can be ordered thru ajgam1@yahoo.com.
 5. Stated goals of the videography committee that upon the completion of its work, recorded material shall be used for education and fundraising from sales of DVD's. Afterwards, the material shall be donated to the New York State Library as well as to the Greene County Historical Society for future generations.
 6. The committee would like to express its appreciation to videographer Matt Long for the generous donation of his time and expertise to this cause.

Fundraising: Ag Fest

- Joyce attended the New Baltimore Ag Fest Committee meeting on 4/9. Permission was granted to allow the NBBC to set up an information booth at this coming Ag Fest (June 6 & 7) as well as to have fundraising activities.

- Suggestions for fundraising are to have an “Heirloom Bake Sale” featuring food made from old time recipes. Also to feature maple syrup popcorn as made by local maple syrup producers Allen and Sherry Jourdin was suggested.
- Volunteers will be needed to staff the info booth as well as to contribute to the bake sale. Call Joyce @ 588-2151 or Jeff @ 588-2149 to sign up.
- Sue McCuen suggested the NBBC could request the use of the professional kitchen of the New Baltimore Reformed Church for this project. Sue will follow up and report at next meeting.
- Discussed recipe ideas. Submissions of recipes and volunteering would be appreciated! Any interested chefs are invited to Joy’s kitchen to perfect their ideas on May 2 at 10 a.m. Why not have some fun while we perfect our ideas? The Schoenig Home is 885 rte. 144. On the southwest corner with West Madison Ave. in the hamlet. Call Joyce if you are interested.
- Dept. of Health Permit will be secured by Joyce once the NBBC DBA is established.

Fundraising: Farmers Market

- Information booth and bake sale could also be used on select days at the New Baltimore Farmers Market.
- Discussed the need to coordinate dates with the Conservancy as well as the Reformed Church so as to avoid overlaps in scheduling. Dates to avoid; 6/27 Conservancy Bake Sale, 7/17 Conservancy Wine & Cheese (The NBBC is invited by The Conservancy to have an info booth but not to have any fundraising), 7/18 Conservancy Farmers Market, 8/1 Conservancy Bake Sale, 8/7 River Paddle and 8/22.

Fundraising: Misc.

- Suggestion by Donna Degnen to consider painting murals on select barn sides coupled with a town tour theme. Donna shall follow up and bring more info to next meeting.
- Clesson states that a Town Tour map exists that features about 80 sites of interest. Could be considered for individual sale or utilized with a town wide activity. He shall spelunk the Town Hall basement to research the archives for the master copy.
- June 12 will be the Hudson River Tall Ship Quadricentennial Tour past New Baltimore. Any suggestions to couple with this event?
- July 25, (proposed) The New Baltimore Hidden Treasure Tour. To capitalize on the legend that Captain Kidd buried his treasure somewhere along the Hudson while attempting to visit his sister in the City of Troy. A family event idea to be developed. A volunteer coordinator is needed. Arrr ‘ye be ... any takers?

- Other ideas to be developed is to “Spend a Local Vacation in New Baltimore” and a Town Antiques Road Show. Volunteer coordinator needed to develop these ideas.
 - Joy will contact Daniella Marino from the Greene County Promotions Bureau to see if the NBBC would qualify for funding.
 - The New Baltimore Church is holding a Block Party on 7/25, a date that was discussed for “The Historic Places Treasure Hunt”. Could we coordinate plans/activities with them (?), or move it to a different date.
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- Next meeting shall be at the Town Hall at 10:00 to noon on May 16.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:45

The New Baltimore Bicentennial Committee (NBBC) is open to anyone interested in assisting in the organization of the towns 200th anniversary celebration. We ask that you bring your ideas, energy and willingness to participate if not lead a project to help make this celebration memorable. Please feel free to call Chairlady Joyce Schoenig at 588-2151 or Jeff Schoenig at 588-2149 if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Schoenig