

**City of Hoopeston  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Sesquicentennial Celebration Minutes  
June 8, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 7 members present. Jeanette Andre', Debbie Benjamin, Valarie Hinkle, Kristy Kelnhofer, Ellen Scharlach, Marta Pierce, Brad Hardcastle.

**Minutes:** Kristy motioned to approved minutes as presented, Jeanette made a second. All in favor, motion passed.

**Events:** Community picnic, Robin from Mr.B's has ordered the meat and buns. Sam's Club for paper products and individual bags of chips. Need a list of names/farms receiving a Sesquicentennial farm awards. Made \$200 from Golf cart parade. Served #146 at the ice cream social. Paid \$300 to Hoopeston Rotary for setting up. Brad suggested that we see if Rotary is available for the community picnic. All agreed this would be nice to add to the event. Jeanette making bows for the church doors. Needs a total of participating in the church walk. Ideas for the backdrop for the photo booth. Talked about hay with old wagon but decided on a historic Hoopeston photo. Will check with Dan at Craftsmen Printing. Are we still doing the longest married couple, oldest/youngest citizen? Sound system at Civic Center, 4 mics, 2 speakers and 1 amp. Gospel groups should bring their own mics. Pastor Adam is organizing a children's choir to sing during the service. BINGO scheduled on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, needs \$500 start up cash. A city check will be written out to 2 people. Marta has declined since she works for the city. Jeanette and Kristy agreed to handle this.

**Fundraising/Financial** - Received \$55 during the 1st Cemetery walk. \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> set of walks.

**Volunteers:** Nothing to report

**Historical:** Kristy reported the first Saturday of the cemetery walks were successful. Golf carts are welcome during walks, no driving on grass. History boards will be going out in the next few days. Kristy asked the commission on behalf of April Jones and the pool committee if it would be ok to sell Subway cards at the Youth Day Event she is hosting. We discussed that we did not want to do that during the event but if they wanted to sell during pool hours would be fine. Main Street History Walk on June 21 at 10 & 3pm. Do we need to borrow a golf carts for the Monday? Check with Brenda Crusinberry, Jeannie Webber. Jeanette will look into the cost of renting 6 carts one being a supply cart from Battery Specialist for 1 week.

**July 3rd Events:** Remaining items to be paid. United Rentals for generators, light towers. First Bus, shuttle buses. Tents and port-a-potties. Around \$2500.

Parade entries: just added Girl Scouts, Lisa Kinney and a few other golf carts. McFarland Farms, old truck and the pool committee. Signage needs to be in place David Webber has agreed to organize the chalk art contest. We need to order chalk, painter's tape and prizes. Bad news, marching band will not be in attendance.

**Marketing:** T-shirts, most sizes are left, and Gary Nelson has updated the items.

**Executive:** With the state opening back up, we will apply for a special events license so we can serve beer at the July 3rd events.

**Unfinished Business.** Welcome Center is open. Jordan from the Chronicle interviewed Valarie. McFarland Farms loaned a couple pieces to them for display. Hours are set and being advertised.

**New business:** Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2021 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Marta Pierce, Secretary