

# *Minutes*

New Harmony Bicentennial Commission  
April 2, 2013  
6:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Parish House

**Present:**

Co-Chairperson	Connie Weinzapfel
Co-Chairperson	Ray McConnell
American Legion	Charles Huck
Harmonie Associates	Donna Creek
Historic New Harmony	Amanda Bryden (Alt.)
New Harmony Businesses Assoc.	Laura Nicholson
New Harmony Interpreters Association	Becky Smyth
New Harmony Kiwanis	Marcia Lange
New Harmony Town Council	Linda Warrum (Alt.)
Public Relations	Karen Walker
RGRG	Addison Lange
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones
New Harmony Art Galleries	Garry Holstein (Alt.)
Ropewalk Writers' Retreat	Marcus Wicker
Ropewalk Writers' Retreat	Ron Mitchell
Under the Beams/Music	Liz Mumford
Citizen	David Flanders
Guest	Manon Risman
Executive Assistant	Jan Kahle

***Organizations without a representative attending:***

New Harmony Garden Club	Paul Allison
Red Geranium	Judy Alsop
New Harmony Artists Guild	Jennifer Blevins
Ford Home	Vicki Campbell
Planning/Preservation Committee	Mickey Grimm
New Harmony High School Alumni	Rick Johnson
Friends of WMI	Jeanne Maudlin
WMI	Nathan Maudlin
New Harmony Art Galleries	Maggie Rapp
Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
Harmonie State Park	Jim Gray
Blaffer Foundation	Jim Sanders
New Harmony Ministerial Association	Phyllis Westfall

The New Harmony Bicentennial Commission met on April 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish House. Co-chairperson, Ray McConnell, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November, 2012, meeting were approved.

Reports from the various representatives followed:

- NHBA
  - Nothing new to report. Will eventually have a Bicentennial link on their web site.
- Working Men's Institute
  - Nothing new to report on Bicentennial projects
  - The WMI will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in April
- Town of New Harmony
  - Bicentennial link on the town's web site
  - A calendar will also be added to the web site
  - One photo gallery on web site; two more to come
    - Connie Weinzapfel suggested photos from the Centennial.
    - Linda Warrum has already talked to USI regarding use of the Blair Collection
- Planning & Preservation
  - Hopes to have all trash cans in town replaced by 2014
- Parks & Recreation
  - Johnathon Scott reported that 200+ trees have been planted and will be tagged with the Bicentennial logo
- Historic New Harmony
  - Connie Weinzapfel reported that Historic New Harmony along with Harmonie Associates and the Friends of the WMI will provide keynote/special speakers throughout the Bicentennial year
- Friends of WMI
  - No Report
  - Connie Weinzapfel mentioned that the Friends have completed some of the oral histories and they are great
- USI
  - Ed Jones distributed a list of USI activities planned for the Bicentennial year; see attached
  - Marcus Wicker reported that the New Harmony Writers' Retreat will be re-established, June 8-14, 2014
  - Ed Jones reported that the conference planned by the Center for Communal Studies for November 6-8, 2014, will be open to all
- New Harmony Galleries
  - Garry Holstein reported that there will be an alternative mapping project by Eames Demetrios at the Gallery of Contemporary Art
  - Liz Mumford reported that there will be a painting by her sister-in-law, Liz Mumford, at the Hoosier Salon Gallery. Ms. Mumford will be showing a painting the Lenz House.
- Kiwanis
  - No Report

- American Legion
  - Nothing new to report. Still planning an Open House and community breakfast
- New Harmony Garden Club
  - Red Bud trees have been planted in Red Bud Park
- New Harmony Ministerial Association
  - No report
- Harmonie Associates
  - Donna Creek reported that Harmonie Associates will financially support a project
- Posey County Commissioners
  - No report
  - Karen Walker suggested asking the Posey County Commissioners for monies to help with the celebration. This has been done in other Indiana counties.
- New Harmony Interpreters Association
  - Becky Smyth reported that the speaker they proposed, Brian Fox Ellis, has been scheduled
  - The NHIA has Bicentennial decals available. If interested in purchasing a decal, please contact Becky.

Donna Creek asked if the Bicentennial Commission had applied for a grant to the Posey County Community Foundation. Connie Weinzapfel reported that Fred Frayser had submitted the grant before the March 1, 2013 deadline and will apply again in 2014.

The process of using the logo on merchandising was discussed by Jan Kahle. Anyone asking to use the logo must complete the Use of Logo Application. If the entity plans to use the logo on an item(s) to sell, there is a \$25.00 usage charge. If the logo will not be used on a for profit item, there is no charge, but a form must still be completed. Forms are available at the Town Hall or contact Jan.

### Legacy Projects

1. Red Bud Park
  - a. Trees have been planted
  - b. Still considering a design for a sculpture
  - c. First design did not take into consideration that the Indiana State Museum might need to do an archeological dig at the site in the future.
2. Bicentennial House
  - a. House will be built by Kent Parker on Main Street
  - b. Ground should be broken by fall, 2013
  - c. Open House planned in 2014
  - d. Will be part of the regular Historic New Harmony tour
3. Boatload of Knowledge Reproduction
  - a. Seeking a grant for construction costs
  - b. Ray McConnell has been in touch with potential builders
  - c. Permission has been granted to locate it on the flats in front of the Atheneum
4. Atheneum
  - a. Money needed to complete project
5. Murphy Park Amphitheater
  - a. NHHS Alumni Association has agreed to help fund this project

- b. Information about donating will be included in the mailing to Alumni this spring
- 6. New East Gateway
  - a. Garry Holstein will work with Laura Nicholson
- 7. Philip Hageman Original Composition
  - a. The piece is almost finished
  - b. Mr. Hageman and Dennis Noon have connected. The Wolfgang Orchestra may perform the music
- 8. Trees
  - a. See above the report from the Parks Board
- 9. Trails
  - a. Nothing new to report

#### Miscellaneous

1. The Bicentennial Celebration plans and calendar were submitted to the New Harmony Town Council by Connie Weinzapfel in January, 2013. At the Town Council March meeting, the motion was made and seconded that the Bicentennial plan and calendar as presented at the January 17 meeting by approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. Details regarding the kick-off New Year's Eve party scheduled for December 31, 2013, were discussed. Volunteers are needed for the planning committee. Linda Warrum will ask Robin Risley and Denis Rapp to be on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Stephen's Parish House.