

Minutes

New Harmony Bicentennial Commission
November 20, 2012
6:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Parish House

Present:

Co-Chairperson	Connie Weinzapfel
Co-Chairperson	Ray McConnell
Community Member	Dale Kennedy
Community Member	Barb McConnell
Community Member	David Flanders
Community Member	Owen Lewis
Ford Home	Vicki Campbell
Garden Club of New Harmony	Paul Allison
Harmonie Associates	Donna Creek
Historic New Harmony	Christine Crews
New Harmony Business Assoc.	Lora Arneberg (Alt.)
New Harmony Business Assoc.	Laura Nicholson
New Harmony Kiwanis	Marcia Lange
New Harmony Interpreters Association	Becky Smyth
New Harmony Town Council	Linda Warrum (Alt.)
New Harmony Town Council	David Campbell (Alt.)
Parks Board	Johnathan Scott
Public Relations	Karen Walker
Tri-Kappa	Rita Reynolds
Executive Assistant	Jan Kahle

Organizations without a representative attending:

American Legion	Charles Huck
Harmonie State Park	Jim Gray
Under the Beams	Liz Mumford
Blaffer Foundation	Jim Sanders
Friends of WMI	Jeanne Maudlin
Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
New Harmony Artists Guild	Jenifer Blevins
New Harmony Galleries	Maggie Rapp
New Harmony Ministerial Association	Phyllis Westfall
Planning/Preservation Committee	Mickey Grimm
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
NHS Alumni	Rick Johnson
Red Geranium Enterprises	Judy Alsop
RGRG	Addison Lange
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones
WMI	Nathan Maudlin

The New Harmony Bicentennial Commission met on November 20 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish House. Co-chairperson, Connie Weinzapfel, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October, 2012, meeting were approved.

Follows are the reports from the various organizations:

1. Town of New Harmony
 - a. Alternate Representative, Linda Warrum, reported nothing new.
2. Planning and Preservation Committee
 - a. No report
3. Parks Board
 - a. Johnathan Scott reported that 187 trees have been planted.
4. WMI
 - a. No report
5. Friends of the WMI
 - a. Marcia Lange reported for Jeanne Maudlin that they will be requesting funds for the continuing oral histories.
6. Blaffer Foundation
 - a. No report
7. USI
 - a. Connie Weinzapfel reported nothing new.
8. Historic New Harmony
 - a. Christine Crews reported no new plans.
9. New Harmony Business Associates
 - a. Laura Nicholson reported that a "gateway arch" at the east entry to town is not possible due to state regulations. The alternate project will be a simpler sign. The NHBA will be making a decision regarding the sign and also looking for grant possibilities.
 - b. Karen Walker asked about the use of the current "New Harmony" sign on the west end of the bridge.
 - c. David Campbell suggested the NHBA contact Richard Meier with INDOT at Vincennes to determine requirements for a sign over the highway.
 - d. It was decided that Karen and David will contact INDOT.
10. Red Geranium Enterprises
 - a. No report
11. New Harmony Art Galleries
 - a. Karen Walker reported for Maggie Rapp.
 - b. Calendar project is well underway.
 - c. Applications for advertisements in the calendar were distributed to all.
 - d. Jan Kahle will mail applications to all Commission members and take a supply to the Town Hall.
12. Tri Kappa
 - a. Rita Reynolds reported that plans for the parade are progressing.
13. Kiwanis
 - a. Marcia Lange reported that their plans remain the same.
14. American Legion
 - a. No report
15. RGRG
 - a. Marcia Lange reported for Addison Lange that all plans are the same.

16. New Harmony Artists Guild
 - a. No report
17. New Harmony Garden Club
 - a. Paul Allison reported that a design fee has been sent to artist Amy Brier and further discussion with her will occur in January when she visits New Harmony.
 - b. The Club has also been working with the state archeologist to determine an exact location for the sculpture.
18. New Harmony Ministerial Association
 - a. No report
19. Harmonie Associates
 - a. Donna Creek reported nothing new.
20. New Harmony Interpreters Association
 - a. Becky Smyth reported that their plans are the same
21. Harmonie State Park
 - a. No report
22. Ford Home
 - a. Vicki Campbell reported their plans are the same.
23. Masonic Lodge
 - a. No report
24. Posey County Commissioners
 - a. No report
25. NHS Alumni
 - a. No report

There was discussion regarding the merchandising and the use of the Bicentennial logo. The Merchandising Committee will develop products using the logo. The committee consists of Jenifer Blevins, Lena Feiner, Maggie Rapp, Garry Holstein (new Contemporary Gallery director.) Karen Walker, Connie Weinzapfel and David Flanders will get together to create guidelines for public use of the logo.

Since Senator Richard Lugar has returned to private life, the Commission must decide on whom to ask to be the second Honorary Co-Chairperson. Connie asked that all suggestions be emailed to Jan Kahle by November 27. The Steering Committee will then discuss whom to ask. It could be anyone prominent in the state, country or the world. David Campbell suggested that the honorary co-chairperson be asked to deliver the keynote address pro bono.

Legacy Projects

1. Connie Weinzapfel reported that she had spoken with Phil Hagemann and he is working on a special musical composition for the Bicentennial. He has named the piece "Variations on a Harmonist Hymn".

A tentative Calendar of Events was distributed by Ray McConnell. Ray told the Commission that the calendar includes events that are for the Bicentennial only. It does not include annual events such as Kunstfest, Christmas in New Harmony, etc. This is the calendar that will be presented to the Town Board in January. Some revisions to the calendar were made:

1. Christine Crews requested the addition of the daily showing at the WMI the Friends of the WMI oral histories during the week of August 1-10, 2014.

2. David Campbell asked about the New Harmony Music School. There is no 2014 date for that event as yet. The New Harmony Music School is a yearly event.
3. Paul Allison asked about the proposed documentary by Karen Bonnell, and Connie Weinzapfel reported that that particular request to Historic New Harmony has not been funded.
4. Motion was made and seconded to approve the calendar with revisions. The motion was approved.

David Campbell and Ray McConnell are still working on the possibility of a new “Boatload of Knowledge”. Ray reported that one builder will be visiting here and that he and David will be visiting another builder.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The date of the next meeting will be decided later.