

Minutes

New Harmony Bicentennial Commission

March 17, 2011

5:15 p.m. New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

Present:

Plan & Historic Preservation Commission	Mickey Grimm
Historic New Harmony	Christine Crews
The Working Men's Institute	Nathan Maudlin
The Friends of the Working Men's Institute	Jeanne Maudlin
The New Harmony Art Galleries	Erika Myers-Bromwell
Tri Kappa of New Harmony	Rita Reynolds
New Harmony Kiwanis Club	Marcia Lange
The Ribeyre Gymnasium Restoration Group	Addison Lange
Park/Recreation & Tree Board	Johnathon Scott
New Harmony Business Associates	Lora Arneberg
Town Council	Linda Warrum (for Don Gibbs)
Robert L. Blaffer Foundation	Karen Walker (James Sanders)

Also attending:

David Flanders
Jan Kahle (Executive Assistant)
Sara Manifold
Ray McConnell (Co-Chairperson)
Ben Nicholson
Connie Weinzapfel (Co-Chairperson)

Not present:

Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
American Legion Post 370	Steve Brown
The New Harmony Artist's Guild	Jenifer Blevins
New Harmony Garden Club	Pat Gosh
Harmonie Associates	Donna Creek
New Harmony Ministerial Assoc.	Phyllis Westfall
New Harmony School	Rick Johnson
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
Red Geranium Enterprises	Judy Alsop
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones

I. Introduction of Jan Kahle as executive assistant. She will be working part time (as approved by the Town Council) and have an office in the Neef/Lesueur House.

II. Honorary Co-Chairpersons will be Jane B. Owen and Senator Richard G. Lugar.

III. Report from organizations:

Historic New Harmony - new professional exhibits at the Atheneum.

The Working Men's Institute - will have special events in 2013 and 2014.

The Friends of the Working Men's Institute - continue lecture series. Ben Nicholson suggested contacting the Prince of Wales to stress the Robert Owen connection. Ben will follow up. Also Jeanne Maudlin will contact Senator Lugar's office about him speaking at the 2014 Fourth of July Celebration.

The New Harmony Art Galleries - sponsor a competition for the Bicentennial Logo.

Tri Kappa of New Harmony - lots of suggestions and will decide at a future meeting. Ten percent of all future events will be go to a Bicentennial fund.

The Ribeyre Gymnasium Restoration Group - ideas only at this time.

Park/Recreation & Tree Board - plan to plant 200 trees.

Committee Appointments

1. International Exchange Committee - Ben Nicholson and Linda Warrum
2. Fundraising/Grant Writing - James Sanders
3. Logo & Merchandise Committee - Erika Myers-Bromwell
4. Committee for Application Development - Rita Reynolds, Judy Alsop and Addison Lange
5. Publicity/Marketing Committee - Karen Walker, David Flanders and Jan Kahle.
6. Publications Committee (including town web site) -

Discussions:

It was suggested that the Steering Committee create a permanent record of the results of the Bicentennial and perhaps pursue the idea of solar energy.

The Bicentennial Celebration will begin with the 2013 Holiday Ball and continue throughout the year with emphasis during the first week of August.

It was announced that IU Press is producing a "coffee table" book with photos of New Harmony available by summer, 2011. The text was written by Don Pitzer and the photos were taken by Darryl Jones.

Andrew Potts, a friend of New Harmony in Washington DC, has suggested that there be a New Harmony exhibit in the Library of Congress.

David Flanders will follow-up on the creation of a postmark for the celebration.

Erika announced that an artist has been found for the mural in the Fifth Third Bank. James Sanders is organizing this mural which will stress the architecture of New Harmony.

Linda Warrum will have all the Bicentennial information on the Town of New Harmony web site; www.newharmony-in.gov. Until a logo is chosen, the link will just say "Bicentennial" and will include the committee contacts, meeting announcements and minutes from the meetings.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in Thralls Opera House.