

**Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment Association / Quasquicentennial Committee Joint Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

The joint meeting with the Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment Association and the Ruthven Quasquicentennial committee was called to order on Wednesday evening, February 18 at 7:30 PM in the Ruthven Social Center by Jon Josephson. Kay Suhr motioned to approve the agenda with the motion carrying. The treasurer's reports were given, with Tami Eaton of LIRBA reporting that many LIRBA memberships were now starting to come in. John Josephson submitted a late bill to Tami from last summer's penny carnival and also submitted a bill for advertising for cabin fever weekend from the Ruthven Zipcode. Becky Oppedal of the Quasqui went over new expenses and income amounts on their report with Kay Suhr reminding the group that the JD Spelz check for \$2595 will be deposited on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Oppedal motioned to accept the treasurer's reports with all in favor. A review of Cabin Fever Weekend was given. Overall, it went well. The snowman contest was successful with 13 entries, \$100 was given for first, \$50 for runner-up, and \$25 cash prize for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each child entered received a free ice cream cone at Lakeland. The junior high boy's basketball tournament was also a successful event. The history show at the social center was only attended by a few, with some businesses reporting a good day due to specials and the nice weather. The soup and sandwich supper did bring in over \$400 that evening as well, but only 3 people had their beards shaved off. There is a need to get the word out to the public on the beard contest. The fishing contest was also held, with a few fish being caught. The history books had been selling for \$45, but now that the introductory period has passed there is a need to raise the price. Ron Brockmeyer motioned to set the new price at \$50 with the motion passing. The books are now at the printers and we should have 400 books by mid-May containing 179 pages! There have been 162 presales on the books. Jo Voss showed us some ornaments that she thought might be a nice fundraiser. The ones she brought were of the surf ballroom. She said there is a 250 piece minimum order along with a \$200 art charge and a \$180 tooling cost. The time frame on getting the ornaments are 6 to 10 weeks from the start of the art work. The discussion was on whether we can sell all 250. Some in attendance thought all age groups would be interested in the ornaments. It was mentioned if we proceed, not to set the cost too high so they would sell better. Jan Helmke suggested sending the Quasqui logo to the company to see if they could use that and not charge the art work cost. Becky Oppedal will email the logo and get a solid estimate on the ornament project for the next meeting. Martha Dyer reported there still has not been much response to the all-school reunion. Only 38 returned reservations so far. It was suggested that an individual from each class contact their class members. Another letter will be sent to past graduates in late March or early April reminding them to reserve their tickets. The idea was mentioned to spearhead a committee to do a class photo book for Ruthven and Ayrshire. The group is to check around and see if someone could do this project, which would involve taking photo shots of the class pictures located in the school. Erv Rowlands was to check and see where the Ayrshire class photos are at. Jon Josephson will contact Mike Hawkins of the DNR to see if he will attend the next meeting and to see if he would be interested in setting up a display during the Quasquicentennial on the Lost Island Lake restoration project which is now under way. Discussion on the band and festival gardens downtown during the Quasquicentennial involved around the possibility of Stan Olsen putting up a hoop building for the event. Jan Helmke will contact Stan and report back at the next meeting. Jane Minor brought up some good ideas for the groups to pursue with the possibility of federal stimulus money coming in. She reported that some of this money in the package will be for downtown restoration projects and suggested the group monitor this and applies for funds when available. She also feels with the economy situation as it is that a location for community gardens would be nice to have in town. She will check into this further and report back to the group to see if there is a location available for the public to have vegetable gardens. There was a reminder that the Palo Alto Gaming Development Grants banquet is on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wild Rose Casino and a RSVP is necessary. Shelly Derickson was present to go over the street dances coming up in Ruthven. The first street dance will be June 6<sup>th</sup> with 'Uncle Fester' booked for the dance. Tim Murphy will also be having a classic car cruise in that day in the downtown area. The group was asked to come up with a name for the event. There will be Friday and Saturday evening street dances during the Quasquicentennial-BBW

event and the Derickson's would like the Quasquicentennial committee and the fire department to take ID's and admissions at the gate. There was discussion on whether there should be an area for underage people or should there be a separate teen dance. Erv Rowlands motioned that LIRBA, the Quasquicentennial committee, and the fire department split the cost of the sheriff reserves and take tickets and check ID's for the events. The motioned passed. It was not decided on whether to have a teen dance somewhere else, but Jon Josephson will check around to see if there is anyone interested in pursuing this. The group felt that a separate underage area would be hard to police and this idea would probably not be a good one. The next meeting will be the setting of the schedule, times, and events for the Quasquicentennial-BBW celebration and all event chairs should be in attendance for this meeting to make the event go smoothly. Jay Schoning will send out reminder letters to event chairs on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Ruthven Social Center. Elsie Wichman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 with all in favor.

Respectably submitted by Jay Schoning, Secretary