

**Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association / Quasquicentennial Committee joint Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

The March meeting of the LIRBA was held jointly with the Ruthven Quasquicentennial Committee on Thursday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> with Jon Josephson calling the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Becky Oppedal motioned to approve the agenda with all in favor. Jay Schoning read the minutes of the February meeting with Jane Minor making a motion to accept the minutes. The treasurer's reports were given. Tammy Eaton, LIRBA treasurer, reported that the centennial CD will come due on March 28<sup>th</sup> for \$5,054. Margo Brockmeyer motioned to roll the CD into checking for now until after this summer's celebration. Becky Oppedal went over the Quasquicentennial treasurers report, reporting \$3452.80 available funds at this time. Jim Graham motioned to accept the treasurer's reports as given. In old business, the check from JD Speltz has now been deposited from the Ruthven print fundraiser. What to do with the prizes we were rewarded; the Ruthven print clock and the Terry Redlin print, were tossed around with several ideas. Jan Helmke and Kay Suhr will bounce ideas around and come back to the April meeting with ideas. Some thought the Redlin print could be auctioned or raffled at the June 6<sup>th</sup> event, but save the Ruthven print clock until BBW weekend. The birthday calendar is now in the black! It was recommended that we not do the birthday calendar again, however. They are now available 2 for the price of 1, after a Becky Oppedal motion and all approving. Jane Minor is now talking to Sandra Dvorksy to see if the book with past class photos is something she can help us with. Jane will do more checking on this possible publication. Kitty Smith and Martha Dyer gave an update on the all-school reunion. 75 reservations are now in. We need to get the word out that everyone in the community is invited and not just past graduates! The all-school reunion committee will meet again on April 8<sup>th</sup> with a 'mailing stuff the envelope' meeting at 7 PM in the Social Center. Dave and Marilyn Ruehle gave an update on the beard contest and asked for ideas of possible judges. Ira Johnson, a Spencer barber was suggested. The history book is now at the printers, and Jan Helmke said the group will need help when it arrives in mid-May to get it packed and sent out for mail orders. In new business, the complete BBW schedule was gone through and times, dates, and chairpersons confirmed. There are a couple of events that still need to be confirmed. Becky Oppedal showed the group several examples of a possible ornament promotion, and shared the costs involved. Discussion was on whether these items would sell for the amount needed to cover the cost. Terri Whitaker said she would check into other options and companies and report back to the group at the April meeting. The June 6<sup>th</sup> fundraiser event was discussed. Jay Schoning is to get press releases out and advertise the event in the Zipcode, Milford Lakes News Shopper, Spencer Reporter, and the Emmetsburg paper. It was suggested that we also advertise on radio. Jon Josephson suggested short radio announcements, such as the tractor ride radio advertisements. Besides 'Uncle Fester' entertaining at the street dance, Tim Murphy will be having a classic car cruise in that night. Jan Helmke is still looking at a hoop tent, or other tents and will report her findings at the April meeting. LIRBA and the Quasquicentennial committee received their Palo Alto County Gaming Grants. \$10,682 was awarded for new tables and chairs for the social center, a portable sound system, float improvements, and Quasquicentennial banners. Citizen of the Year was mentioned. We need to have nominations by the April meeting. Jay Schoning will get a press release and ad in the Zipcode, and have it on the roll-up. Patty Rouse said she needs to have at least 12 volunteers in order for the kid's coin carnival to be held. They should call her as soon as possible so we know that the event is a go. Jane Miner spoke on a canning class that will be held in August at the United Methodist Church basement. She is also still checking around to see if there is land available for community gardens that could be tilled this fall, for spring of 2010 planting. Martha Dyer motioned to adjourn at 9:30, with all in favor.

Respectably submitted: LIRBA Secretary, Jay Schoning