

Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment May 2009 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the LIRBA was held jointly with the Ruthven Quasquicentennial committee on Thursday, May 21st in the Ruthven Social center. Kay Suhr called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with Becky Oppedal making a motion to accept the agenda. Jay Schoning read the minutes of the April meeting with Jim Graham making a motion to accept as read. The treasurer's reports of both committees were given by Becky Oppedal, in Tami Eaton's absence. Martha Dyer said there were 1632 flyers sent out, of which only 92 were returned. The postage needed to be paid on those returned letters. Martha Dyer motioned to accept the treasurer's reports. In old business, there have been many good compliments on the history book. There are more to sell, and they hope to sell them during the Qusquicentennial. Erv asked for a book to be reserved for the school after the school board approves purchase. Martha Dyer and Kitty Smith reported on the community dinner. 257 reservations have come back so far and they are still coming in. June 15th is the deadline as currently set. The group discussed changing this to July 1st and Linda Hanson will ask the caterer when he needs a firm count. After the deadline date, the meal price will increase from \$10 to \$15. The book with past class photos has been a no-go, as no one stepped up for this project. Becky Oppedal will need to see how they can mail the meal tickets out, using the postage permit. Terri Whitaker said she can get a glossy ticket printed with all the information on it. Becky Oppedal motioned to have Terri Whitaker and Relatively T's do this, if the cost is under \$20. Motion carried. Kitty Smith said she would stop in at relatively T's with the information. Erv Rowlands spoke up and said he would cover any cost over the \$20 limit. The hoop building is no longer a possibility. After discussion on where to have the community dinner, Linda Hansen said Brent Swart would be willing to host it at his Pioneer Seed building on the northwest corner of the city. Jim Graham called Brent, and said it would be okay. Jan Helmke said they could use the bus barn, and put a 40' by 80' tent up in front from the Milford Kiwanis Club for \$600. Jay Schoning mentioned that the burn out contest would be going on right next to this location during meal time. Terri Whitaker said that the bus barn was quite hot when the kid's carnival was there as there is no shade. Dave Ruhle motioned to use the Swart Pioneer Seeds building with motion carrying. Jim Graham and Linda Hanson will check the building to see how many tables are needed. Dave Ruhle said he has 3 judges, all barbers, lined up to judge the beard contest on Friday at the Iowa State Bank Community Hot Dog feed! In new business, the finalized schedule and brochure was discussed. There were three formats for the brochure presented; the regular sheet brochure as in the past and a tri-fold brochure with the regular sheet inside, and another with a new format inside. After everyone looked at these, a vote was taken and the new format was voted in. Jay Schoning will have these printed, with 400 being printed by River Valley telephone and 400 printed by Jay Schoning at Eaton Corporation. Jay pointed out that River Valley Telephone will not charge LIRBA for any expense. The June 6th fundraiser event was discussed. No firemen were in attendance, but we know there will need to be helpers for set-up and tear down. We will need Jon Josephson to get the spot-a-pots lined up from Koenig's. Jay Schoning reported that Paul Kerkhoff had contacted him and the 4th of July Fireworks show will be held again at Lost Island Lake. Ron Brockmeyer said the boat parade is also scheduled, with Redwood Resort in charge. A brochure of the area Barn Quilts was passed around, as presented by Ray Grandstaff. Becky Oppedal motioned with Linda Hanson seconding to pay the casino grant matching fund bills to date. The tables and chairs have been delivered, the sound system has been delivered, the benches have been put on hold, and Jay Schoning motioned with Erv Rowlands seconding to have the Quasquicentennial banners purchased from Vinyl Graphic Body Works with paying \$350 down of the \$700 cost. The balanced paid when banners are delivered. Motion carried. Kay Suhr updated the group on the parade. The route will basically be the same and entries are filtering in now. There are no plans for a bike-a-thon around the lake at this time. Kitty Smith motioned, Jim Graham seconded with all in favor to have additional joint meetings on June 4th, with the regular meetings scheduled for June 18th and July 2nd. This was deemed necessary to make sure everything is continuing as planned. It was discussed what to do with the Ruthven Print, Ruthven Print clock, and the Terry Redlyn print that the group had won. It has been suggested, but not finalized, that maybe the Ruthven print can be auctioned off at 7:00 PM and the print clock at 10:00 PM on the night of the Quasquicentennial community dinner and dance. The Terry Redlyn print could be

auctioned at the Friday community hot dog feed. These are only suggestions for now. Jim Graham will check with Chuck Sikora and Dick Long to see if they would donate their services as auctioneers. Terri Whitaker talked about doing BBW-2009 shirts along with the Quasquicentennial shirts. Becky Oppedal motioned, with all in favor, for Terri to do the shirts as in the past with the same agreement she had with LIRBA. Jim Graham motioned to adjourn at 9:40 PM, with all in favor.

Respectably Submitted,
Jay Schoning