

Joint LIRBA / Quasquicentennial Meeting for June 4th, 2009

The first meeting in June of the Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment Association and the Ruthven Quasquicentennial Committee was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening, June 4th in the Ruthven Social Center and called to order by Kay Suhr and Jan Helmke. Margo Brockmeyer motioned to accept the agenda. The minutes were read by Jay Schoning and a motion to accept by Chuck Oppedal. The Quasquicentennial treasurers report was given by Becky Oppedal. She mentioned that the final history book installment was paid, and all books sold now will be profit. There was much discussion on the upcoming June 6th Classic Fun Night. Serving for the meal will be inside Bully's while the fire department grills outside. Set-up will begin around 4:00 PM for the dance, with the fire department having enough volunteers according to Dave Smith. They will need help to tear down at 1:00 AM. The betterment association will pay the cost of the porta pots, and John Josephson has called Koenig's. Dave Smith said they will need help at the gate. Chuck and Becky Oppedal will man the gate outside by Picket Fence. Jan reported that Uncle Fester will not charge us in the event of rain. It was decided to meet at 3:30 PM in Bully's to make a decision in the event of inclement weather. Kay Suhr said the County Reserves will probably not charge for this event. The admission for the dance is \$5. We will sell Quasqui T-shirts and books from 5:00 until 9:00 in Bully's. Jim Graham said he will run the kids pedal tractor pull event on Friday evening, but that they need more ribbons and trophies. Jay Schoning motioned to have LIRBA purchase these, as they have in the past. Dave Smith said he will have an 8 X 24 foot covered stage by BBW. Dave asked Jan Helmke to contact the bands and make sure this was adequate for them. Chuck Oppedal motioned to have Chuck Sikora auction the prints and clock off as discussed at the last meeting. There was more discussion on the community meal. It was discussed with all in favor as staying with the original motion and hold the event at Brent Swart's Pioneer Seed Building on the northwest edge of Ruthven. Jay Schoning will check with the Peterson and Royal Lions Clubs on the use of shuttle trailers and Becky Oppedal will check on shuttle bus services. 337 tickets have been sold according to Martha Dyer and the orders are coming in strong now. Sandra Dvorsky will have a special slide show going and Chuck Oppedal is setting up a small program involving people from different generations to speak. The Redlyn print will be auctioned at the event. Patty Rouse reported the Kids Koin Karnival fundraiser was a huge success. She will run a thank-you in the paper and on the roll-up. The group decided she should invest in better prizes, more prizes, and any ideas she can come up with such as clowns tying balloons. This is what the people donated their money for at the event. The group discussed the cuts on the new banners. It was decided to, and Becky Oppedal motioned, to have 5 small cuts. Gena Evans will do the work and John Josephson and Chuck Oppedal will put them up on Saturday with a Sky-Jack lift that is in town. The new city benches have been ordered and the city council will decide where they should be placed at their next meeting. Chuck Oppedal motioned, all in favor, to have Koenig Port-a-pots do the services at the Quasqui-BBW celebration as they do an excellent job of moving them where we want them and when we want them moved. It was suggested to have 1 at the bank, 1 at Lakeland, 4 to 6 at Brent Swarts, 1 at Gilson Rieckes, 1 by Green tank of elevator, 1 at the car show, 4 at the street dance, and 2 to 4 at the team sorting event. Margo Brockmeyer passed around four themes for the boat parade and 4th of July event at lost island lake. The four choices are 1) Lazy Daze, 2) Color it Up, 3) America Beautiful, 4) Fun Food and Frolic. When the voting was done, America Beautiful was the winning theme name. Becky Oppedal introduced the new and improved Ruthven and Lost island website to the group. It was mentioned that Pro-Cooperative will sponsor something up to \$500. Chuck Oppedal motioned to see if they would do radio advertising up to \$500. Jim Graham will check and see if the Ruthven Coop Oil will donate fuel for the shuttle vehicles. Jay Schoning will see if Gregg Peterson will donate tractors if the pull-type shuttles are used. Relatively T's will make the business card type tickets for the community meal. It will be tabled until the next meeting to see how many are sold by the June 15th deadline. Jan Helmke said that Tracy Small has 46 tables seating 8 people at each, and 350 chairs for a cost of \$758. Other chair/table ideas were passed around as well, as the group feels there is a need for more. John Wallace and Kathy Berger from the Ruthven Community Care Center and RCCC Villa were on hand to discuss their event they are having for kids at the Iowa State Bank parking lot from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon on Saturday, July 11th. The event, featuring an inflatable jump castle,

dunk tank, free gifts, free concessions and more is all free of charge. They are requesting water for the dunk tank. Dave Smith said the fire department would furnish the water. Diana Wichman motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectably Submitted;
Jay Schoning