

**150th Celebration Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008**

Attendees:

Wayne Warren, Danna Gilpin, Debbie Emge, Jackie Kiter, James McAllister, Jeff Gilpin, John Gamble, Judy Chapman, Kathy Sloan, Middy Ruthruff, Todd Elvig, Vina Donow Sue Sullivan, Bruce A. Ferguson

The attendees decided that a non-profit corporation would be formed. Jeff Gilpin volunteered to meet with a local professional to prepare all the necessary paperwork and applications. Debbie Emge will ask Grant Weed if he would be willing to review the applicable paperwork for incorporation and the non profit application.

The above listed attendees will serve as the board of directors. The board of directors elected the following as the officers:

President-Jeff Gilpin
Vice President- Todd Elvig
Secretary-Kathy Sloan
Treasurer-Sue Sullivan

The following will Chair the subcommittees:

History Education- Middy Ruthruff
Special Events-Jeff Gilpin
Fundraising-Jackie Kiter and Jim McAllister

Todd Elvig will create a website as a portal for keeping the public informed regarding 150th Celebration and committee. The City website has a link for information for the 150th Celebration and once Todd has set up the website it will link to that.

Sue Sullivan suggested doing a community project near the Boys and Girls club. The committee agreed that this would be a good project to be included in the 150th. Middy Ruthruff shared that honoring Earl Averill would be well received in the community. Sue will work on the details and report back to the committee.

Jeff Gilpin and Todd Elvig are going to lead the project of interviewing and videotaping founders and early settler families and will produce a DVD. Warner Blake will be contacted about working on the project as well. The DVD would then be marketed as a fundraiser.

Jeff Gilpin suggested staging a "take back" event at the County Courthouse in early December 2008. He will work on the details and report back.

Jeff Gilpin will also work out the details of the "New Years Eve" event and present those details at our next meeting. He discussed involving the businesses downtown that already have entertainment that evening.

Todd Elvig will talk to Keith Stocker about the potential of having his 2009 corn maze cut to represent the 150th Celebration.

The committee discussed information on eligibility for applying to the County for a hotel/motel grant. Debbie Emge will bring back more information to the next meeting.

Middy Ruthruff will ask the Historical Society to set up a display at the Waltz from July 12th, 2009 during the Kila Ha Ya Festival week. The items displayed would be items that the Historical Society currently has in storage.

Todd Elvig will create a list of media contacts that the committee can utilize for PR.

Wayne Warren will be working on a 3-D virtual tour of the historical district that will show the progression of the area from 1859 to 2009.

Todd Elvig will produce a logo for the celebration for review based on the logo used at the centennial celebration. A discussion about the theme was had and the committee decided to remove the "to" so the theme would be "Come Home Snohomish"

The committee would like to take the logo and have commemorative coins made. John Gamble will do some research on this and bring information to the committee. Suggestions were made about making wooden coins as well as other types of metals.

Sponsorship fundraising was discussed but the committee suggested that we hold off until we have the related events confirmed so that we can have the details available to those that may be interested in sponsoring.

Jackie Kiter suggested having a booth at the Kila Ha Ya festival to promote the committee and begin fundraising. The committee thought this was a good idea and directed Jackie to proceed with the application and coordination of the booth.

Jackie Kiter also suggested many other activities for 2009 and those will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Some of the ideas presented were:
Arts Month
River Fair
Building Children's Play Equipment (if needed at a park)
Sports Month

Jackie Kiter also suggested a community photo. The idea of asking the school district if we could use Veteran's Memorial Stadium as the venue. It would be important to gather the names of all those that participate in the photo.

Sue Sullivan requested that we begin a master calendar of events for 2009 as soon as possible. Also it's important that we encourage others that have events throughout 2009 to use the "Come Home Snohomish" theme with those events as well. Committee members were asked to share this message with any groups they may be involved with.

A suggestion was made to ask businesses throughout the City to do window displays to incorporate the Come Home Snohomish 150th Celebration during 2009.

The next meeting for the committee will be held **June 24, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Snohomish Library Community Room**, 311 Maple, Snohomish, WA 98290. All future meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Snohomish Library.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm