



Indiana Bicentennial Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2016

Commission Members Present:

Becky Skillman
Lee Hamilton
P.E. MacAllister
Steve Ferguson
Mary McConnell
Mickey Maurer
Jim Merritt
Charlie Brown
Ellen Rosenthal
Randy Shepard
Brenda Gerber Vincent

Commission Members via Telephone:

Sarah Evans Barker

Staff:

Perry Hammock
Rene Stanley
Valeri Beamer
Sam Alderfer
Adrienne Smith

Invited Guests:

Halea Franklin & Susie Schulte – Greene County Coordinators
Bonnie Maxwell – Carroll County Coordinator

- Co-chair Becky Skillman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Perry Hammock called roll and noted a quorum was present. Co-chair Skillman thanked those who were able to join the meeting and moved to the agenda.

Welcome & Introductions

- Amy Lamb, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, Indiana Historical Society
Amy thanked the Commission for having their meeting at the Historical Society and thanked them on behalf of the CEO, John Herbst. Amy mentioned the 5 Bicentennial/Indiana themed books that the Historical Society has on display and for sale. They are very proud of their Bicentennial events and programs and have a Statehood Day Celebration planned for December 11. Amy thanked the Commission for their hard work in planning Indiana's 200th birthday.



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Committee Reports

- The Endorsement Committee report was given by Ellen Rosenthal, Chair
43 applications were received from 25 counties and 1 statewide group.
43 were brought for Commission approval.
By pillar there were 9 youth and education, 15 community involvement, 16 historical celebration and 3 nature conservation applications.
Ellen Rosenthal asked the Commission approve the Committee's okay for all 43 applications. Lee Hamilton moved the motion be adopted. P.E. MacAllister second. Motion adopted.
Ellen stated the last deadline for accepting new Legacy project applications will be before the last Commission meeting of this year, December 9, 2016.
Charlie Brown asked where all the Legacy projects can be found. They can be found on the Bicentennial website, www.indiana2016.org, under Legacy projects.

- Events Committee Report was given by Brenda Gerber Vincent & Rene Stanley
Hoosier Homecoming was a great success! Estimated 4,000-5,000 people in attendance. The Bicentennial Gala invitations should be in mailboxes on Monday, November 7. Invitations are not transferable and the RSVP deadline is December 2. The final planning stages of menu, print materials, décor and other enhancement are under way. Each guest will receive a commemorative Bicentennial Medallion.
Ignite the Future details are developing. The Center for Interfaith Cooperation is helping where communication has been challenging with participants.
All the money needed has been raised, Brenda thanked everyone who contributed and thanked Perry for representing the Commission in raising funds.
Due to the generous sponsorship levels received for this event, Brenda informed the Commission members that they will receive 4 tickets to the Gala to invite important Hoosiers. Rene asked that they send the names and addresses of those they are inviting. Mary McConnell asked how the Commissioners will be seated. Brenda answered that the Commissioners will be together.
Charlie Brown asked if all torch bearers will be invited to Ignite the Future. Yes, they will be invited.
Staff will update the Commission with details as the event gets closer and will send a run of show for both events.
Lee Hamilton called attention to the Bicentennial Accomplishments document prepared by Perry and how extensively wonderful it is. There are a variety of projects that we should all take a measure of pride in Indiana's Bicentennial story.
Jim Merritt stated the accomplishments of the Commission have been fantastic.
Lee asked that a pamphlet or brochure listing all the accomplishment be explored.
Charlie Brown asked if there are hotel reservations for the gala. Perry answered that a list can be sent out of Indianapolis hotels but a block was not reserved because they have to be paid for if they are not used.



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Jim Merritt asked if there will be a plaque or something similar inside the door of the Statehouse to highlight the Bicentennial. Perry answered that there is a plaque planned for inside the Statehouse. Plans are still being developed.

Financial Report

- Perry Hammock, Executive Director, Indiana Bicentennial Commission
FY 2016, the operating fund expenditures came in at 76% of approved budget. Nearly \$300,000 was saved and made available to the general fund. FY 2017, through October, expenses are on track to match FY 2016.
Gifts in Kind value of more than \$250,000. Cash gifts and royalties total just shy of \$800,000. More than \$1,000,000 total private support.

Bicentennial Final Document

- Perry Hammock, Executive Director, Indiana Bicentennial Commission
We are working to secure Lisa Hendrickson, who edited our commemorative book to work on writing the report. The next step is to lay out the structure of the report, covering both signature and legacy projects, listing key individuals and adding photos. Looking at 200-250 pages total.
With the help of Archives and the Library, we will determine the number needed for distribution and bid the printing early in CY 2017 with a due date of June 30, 2017.
Lee made note to have a good crisp executive summary of the accomplishments.

Greene County Update

- Halea Franklin and Susie Schulte, Greene County Coordinators
Halea thanked the Commission for inviting her and Susie to speak on behalf of Greene County and all the wonderful things they have going on. Halea and Susie brought a sample of the Bicentennial Sweet Dreams Baby Bundles that is a Legacy project for Greene County General Hospital. This project provides expectant mothers with a sturdy cardboard box with a waterproof mattress, full of all the essentials for their baby's first few months.
Halea and Susie also brought art tiles designed by elementary school students. This legacy project was made possible by the Sculpture Trails in Solsberry, IN. Mary McConnell highly recommended visiting the sculpture trail. She also recommended going to Goose Pond in Greene County to see the birds.
Greene County is still working on many more Legacy projects, this round they submitted 10 for approval!
Greene County's Bicentennial is in 2021 so they are beginning to think about details after having worked on Indiana's Bicentennial.



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Carroll County Update

- Bonnie Maxwell, Carroll County Coordinator

Bonnie thanked the Commission for inviting her to attend the meeting and present on Carroll County. She stated what an unanticipated honor it was to present to the Commission. Carroll County has the most Legacy projects of any of the counties with a total of 41!

Bonnie highlighted a few of her favorite Legacy projects including the Delphi Interurban Station Renovation, West Senora Arch Restoration, Delphi Library Winter Reading Program and High School Basketball Histories.

Carroll County still plans to submit more projects!

Executive Director's Report

- IBC report given by Perry Hammock

1,368 total Legacy projects represent all 92 counties.

1,551 Legacy and BNT projects combined statewide.

We now have 258 Legacy projects focused specifically on youth.

Mary McConnell gave a quick update on the Children of Indiana Nature Park, more than 10,000 kids have claimed their property. The goal is over 200,000.

New Bicentennial flags are being distributed soon to replace the ones from last year for Statehood Day.

Silver Indiana Bicentennial medals are here and deadline to order is today, November 4.

We will have 3 Commission meetings in 2017. January 20, April 14 and June 30.

We will be decommissioned on June 30, 2017. Lee Hamilton would like a special event on this day to celebrate Commissioners and staff.

- Becky Skillman recognized Cook Group for the fantastic *Awesome Indiana* book.
- Jim Merritt congratulated Becky Skillman on receiving the Outstanding Hoosier Award.
- With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The next meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission:

December 9, 2016

Indiana State Library

Indianapolis, IN

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.