

WORCESTER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Minutes of meeting

May 17, 1976

A meeting of the Worcester County Bicentennial Commission was held on Monday, May 17, 1976 at the Snow Hill Public Library meeting room. Those present were: Mr. Richard Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Mrs. Ruth Timmens, Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. William Beach, Mr. Robert Robertsen, Mr. Ren Russell, Mrs. Esther Flery and Mrs. Elmer Brittingham.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by the chairman, Mr. Robertsen. Since the minutes of the last meeting had been sent to all members of the commission, their reading was dispensed with.

Chairman Robertsen introduced Mrs. Ruth Timmens and Mrs. James Leach as the staff for the Information Center for the Bicentennial. They began working on May 10th. They will organize the operation of the Information Center and schedule the volunteers who will help in its operation. The Information Center is being built by the Worcester Vocational School and will be placed when finished on the BP Service Station plot on the north lane of Route 13 about 1 1/2 miles north of the Maryland-Virginia line.

The Worcester County Brochure plans and contents were discussed. The very fine drawings for the brochure were made by Mr. Ren Russell. Mrs. N. Paul Joyner and Mr. Richard Phillips got the pertinent materials together. Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Timmens visited publishers to get prices for printing them. The following prices were submitted:

Tingle Press	5000 copies	\$ 895.75
(Bruckman)	10000 "	\$1300.00
Hastings Press		
(Salisbury Advertiser)	5000 copies	\$ 465.00
	10000 "	\$ 815.00
Marylander Herald	5000 copies	\$ 385.00
(Princess Anne)	10000 "	\$ 575.00
(smaller size)		
Peninsula Press	5000 copies	\$ 685.00
(Salisbury)	10000 "	\$1000.00
	re-run of 5000	\$ 465.00

A motion was made by Richard Phillips that we use the services of the Hastings Press for 10,000 copies of the brochure in 2 colors of brown and the plates are to be held, not destroyed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Beach. Motion carried.

The chairman referred to the treasurer's report to ascertain funds available. There are approximately \$1800 still in the bank, and an additional \$500 coming from the state, with which to purchase:

- 1) 2 flag poles and flags
- 2) Worcester County brochure
- 3) donation to Worcester County Historical Society on Dr. Pruitt's book
- 4) additional money to Worcester Vocational School
- 5) \$4.50 to replace Historic-sites Inventory - Volume 2 for the Chairman.

The chairman was advised to look into insurance for the Information Center - it may be covered by a County policy. It was also stated that flag poles might be available from Ocean Pines.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Information Center will be held at a time appropriate for the Worcester County Commissioners to participate - probably on a Tuesday after lunch. Mr. Mark Pilchard will be asked to cut the ribbon.

Chairman Robertsen announced the following up-coming events and items of interest:

- 1) October 2nd - Verrazano Ball - \$12.50 each
- 2) October 30th - Mayor of Baltimore - Bicentennial Ball
- 3) There is a 30-minute film done by the Maryland Commission in color now available for loan.
- 4) The Wicomico County Commission has published LOWER SHORE PATRIOT - 100 copies @ \$1.50 to sell for \$2.50.
- 5) MARYLAND TOURS may be obtained on consignment for sale.
- 6) The Worcester County movie is available from the county library as it has 3 prints for showing.
- 7) Many brochures are available just for the asking.
- 8) The idea was advanced that maybe retired people in each town might be willing to give tours in their town. This could be arranged through local bicentennial committee.
- 9) A map could be printed of the "Olde Poste Road" route through Worcester County and the Eastern Shore.
- 10) The Worcester County Bicentennial Tree is at Newark - just off Basket Switch Road where Old Trinity Church stood. The cemetery is still there.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS and Friends: The "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" for the Information Center will be held on June 8th at 1:30 p.m. at the site - the BP Service Station south of Pocomoke City. Come and participate.

Bob Robertsen, Chm.

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Treasurer's Report

May 17, 1976

Balance in bank 1/22/76-----\$ 180.96

Receipts:

16 calendars sold-----\$ 31.50

Transfer from savings acct.-----1000.00

\$1031.50

1031.50

\$1212.46

Disbursements:

Worcester Vocational School-----\$1000.00

President's expenses-----60.00

Postmaster-----5.98

Pocomoke Library - xeroxing-----3.60

Bank service fee-----1.09

\$1070.67

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Balance in bank 5/17/76-----\$ 141.79

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Savings Account 5/17/76-----\$1678.84