

THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
Worcester County Division
Meeting
November 19, 1974

A meeting of the Worcester County Division of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission was held on Tuesday, November 19, 1974, at the Snow Hill Public Library, Snow Hill, Md.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by the Chairman, Robert H. Robertson, Jr. with the following committee members present: Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Mrs. Esther V. Flory, Mrs. N. Paul Joyner, Mr. Elmer A. Brittingham, Mr. Strayer Hancock and Mrs. Elmer A. Brittingham.

The minutes of the August 26, 1974 meeting were read by the secretary. A correction was made by the chairman in that a Worcester County flag is at the War Memorial for the bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Phillips stated that the "bike trail" proposed was an approach from Route 50 ~~along the road by Stephen Decatur High School~~ to Assateague Island. Mr. Phillips made a motion that the minutes as corrected and amended be accepted. Second by Mrs. Phillips. Motion carried. Trail Road

The Treasurer's Report was read and showed a balance as of November 19th of \$446.83. Report accepted as read.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Joyner to record houses in Snow Hill that are 100 years old or older. Mrs. Joyner consented to do this.

The Chairman announced that:

- 1) The Verrazano Festival received certification from the National Commission.
- 2) The Worcester County Division MBC is recognized as a Bicentennial Community.

We will receive a flag.

Mrs. Phillips reported that the Salisbury State College Art Group will prepare a book on 18th century homes in the three lower counties.

A copy of the Wicomico County Bicentennial Commission guidelines for schools is received and was given by the Chairman to Mr. Strayer Hancock, representative from the Worcester County Board of Education for study.

Mr. Hancock gave a report of the activities that have been considered by the county schools (as of September 26th) for the Bicentennial Commemoration:

Musicals, dramas, field trips, newspapers, bulletin board displays, courses, collections for school libraries, historical records of county, essays, poetry, art work, etc. There will be use of resource people. By December 15th, it is expected the plans will be more definite.

A report was given on the November 13th meeting at Annapolis by Elmer Brittingham. The main thrust of the meeting was to hear about plans for tourism in the state. Plans should be made for 40,000,000 visitors to Maryland. Visitors, Inc., will solicit people to open their homes for tourists in the small communities and counties. There are no plans to increase hotel accommodations in the cities. There are to be highway information centers, and local chambers of commerce are to handle housing and traffic needs. It is important to involve youth. It was suggested that private enterprise in small communities and/or counties provide a "jitney bus" service (VW type bus) to see historical spots in the area. It was suggested that each city or county prepare a bicentennial calendar with pictures of historic homes, etc. included. The next meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday in January and the representatives from the Maryland Legislature will attend.

The Chairman suggested that we increase our membership by asking all clubs in the county to send a representative to "open meetings" of the organizations. Names suggested for permanent members of the commission are 1) the Reverend Ray Halsey, 2) Mrs. Robert J. Frostrom, and 3) Mr. Dale Rhode.

The Chairman then asked those present to enumerate the projects each suggested for consideration as a HORIZONS '76 Project for our County :

- 1) St. Martin's Church - feasibility study for restoration - primarily architectural digs.
- 2) Historical study of the political situation in Worcester County at time of the revolution.
- 3) Make a tour map and information brochure of the historical areas and sites of Worcester County.
- 4) Dig at "Old Furnace."

- 5) Interviews of older citizens in Worcester County.
- 6) Cultural Center - Worcester High Auditorum
- 7) Snow Hill Museum Study.
- 8) Information Center on Route 13, North Lane at Maryland-Virginia line.

Discussion followed. The Chairman stated that #8 was already in the plans for building by the state, and it would be redundant to include it. After much consideration by those present, the following projects were listed in order of preference (we were asked to give three possible projects):

- 1) St. Martin Church study.
- 2) Preparation of a tour map and information brochure of historical sites in Worcester County.
- 3) Dig at "Old Furnace."

The next meeting will be held in January 1975.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred C Brittingham

Mrs. Elmer A. Brittingham, Sec.-Treas.

Note:

1) Monday, January 13, 1975, \$500.00 received from the State of Maryland - Treasurer's Office for administrative and operating expenses of the committee, has been deposited in a savings account at Maryland National Bank, Pocomoke City, Md.

2) Accompanying letter from Mrs. Patricia Hoffman designates our project for Horizons '76.

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Balance in Bank 8/26/74-----\$490.76

Receipts - None

Disbursements:

Pocomoke City Postmaster - 50 10¢	
stamped envelopes-----	\$ 6.00
Nassawango C.C. - speaker's dinner-----	6.00
Tri-county meeting - speaker's gift-----	15.00
Nassawango C.C. - tax and gratuity-----	13.93
Xeroxing 3-page communication & meeting notice---	3.60
	<u>\$49.93</u>
	<u>43.93</u>

Balance in Bank 11/19/74-----\$446.83

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