

MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Worcester County Division

Meeting

June 5, 1975

A meeting of the Worcester County Division, Maryland Bicentennial Commission was held at the Worcester County Messenger office in Snow Hill, Md. on Thursday, June 5, 1975.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the chairman, Robert H. Robertson, Jr. and the following members were present: Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Mr. Richard Phillips, Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. Robert Frostrom, Mrs. William Beach, Mr. William Kerbin and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brittingham.

Minutes of the last meeting (11/19/'74) were read by the secretary. One correction was made on the "bike trail." The bike trail is to be made on Trappe Road to Assateague Island. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$431.63.

Mrs. Beach reported that senior citizens would be happy to help with cleaning up the Museum. (Purnell Museum, Snow Hill)

The chairman told us about our "Horizons" intern, Mr. William Chamberlain. He plans to be here next week. It was suggested that several knowledgeable members of our group spend some time - probably a half hour each with Mr. Chamberlain to get him oriented to the historic homes and areas of the county. (Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Beach). Richard Phillips recommended that only occupied homes be listed on a map or brochure due to the possibility of vandalism of vacant houses.

The chairman showed many circulars he has received for free as well as commemorative items for purchase:

- Free:
- 1) Trees from the county forestry service
 - 2) Bicentennial insignia for postage meter
 - 3) Bicentennial "Half-time Show" (a copy given to supervisor of music in the county schools - to study and determine its usefulness).
 - 4) J.C.Penny will supply some funds for musical pageants.

For purchase and resale:

- 1) National Bicentennial Flag - \$12.50
- 2) Maryland Bicentennial Calendars @ \$1.25 each to sell for \$2.00 (consensus of group that we purchase 100 calendars)
- 3) Bicentennial pins - \$80.00/1000
- 4) Bicentennial Ball-point pens - 24¢ each or \$60.00/250
- 5) Worcester County Bicentennial patches - 50¢ each to sell for \$1.00
No decision made at this time - Mr. Hancock and Mr. Layo to be consulted. (1000 must be purchased at one order)

Report on Annapolis meeting at Middleton Tavern on May 21, 1975:

- 1) Maryland Bicentennial Calendars 1976 - \$1.25 to sell for \$2.00. Order as soon as possible, by October at the latest. Vince Bagli, 202 St. Dunstan's Road, Baltimore, Md. 21212 Tel. No. 323-8490
- 2) Maryland Magazine for July 1975 will have a separate pull-out on "Tourism." These pull-outs can be obtained and sold - call Claud Curlin 267-1144
- 3) A wagon train to demonstrate the importance of horses in the Revolutionary War era. There will be seven wagon trains throughout the country. Three will pass through Maryland. The closest one will come to us will be Denton, Md. on its way to Delaware. It is nationally funded. 4-H club members will serve as relay riders where possible. It is hoped the wagon train will recreate the pioneer spirit.
- 4) Pewter mugs (Maryland seal, etc.) by Wright Forge, The Wilton Co., Columbia, Pa. \$15.00 per mug.
- 5) St. Mary's County in July and August 1975 will have an outdoor drama, "Wings of the Morning." There will also be a replica of "The Dove." County and state funds are being used to finance this project. Call Marvin Joy who is head of the project at 475-5576 for further information.

Annapolis meeting continued:

6) Each county should provide an Information Center:

- a) register visitors
- b) hand-outs, maps, brochures, etc.
- c) trained guides (guides not to get into cars)
- d) stress county history
- e) items for sale
- f) serve coffee or tea
- g) man with volunteers
- h) insurance coverage???
- i) show Bicentennial flag or plaque
- j) County Commissioners should pay for utilities

7) Another \$1000 will be available to each county in 1976 if they apply for it
 8) Encourage towns and villages to become Bicentennial Communities. City gov'ts. can get \$200 from the state.

9) Roadside signs and markers

- a) temporary for an event - such as a festival, etc.
- b) trail sign (brochure, map or advertising

On state system, state will pay, may addit to existing signs

On county or municipality roads, county or municipality - each will pay its own

- 10) a slide presentation done by 6th Grade students of Charles County on its history was shown. 6th Grade students could do this in any county.
- 11) Carroll Green of Annapolis spoke of Afro-American culture including Indian groups in Maryland. Blacks in Maryland were mostly indentured servants, not slaves.
- 12) Comment was made on Communist infiltration of youth groups who disrupted President Ford's address at Concord, Mass. These same type disturbances may be expected in Baltimore and Washington during Bicentennial celebrations.

Meeting Notices: June 10th - a History meeting for all counties at the Middleton Tavern, Annapolis. There is to be a Workshop in August.
 Next meeting of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission will be on Wednesday, September 10, 1975. Place not indicated.

The chairman recommended that we pay Dr. Lescallette's expenses for the History meeting that is coming up June 10th, as he will be going to it.

In a recent communication with Mr. John Jacob of Wicomico County, he reported that he thinks he can get the 1877 Atlas reproduced - 1000 copies, for \$14,000 - to sell for \$25.00 each. Little interest was shown by our group.

Mr. William Phillips reported that the Berlin-Ocean City Train Master would like to have permission to use a Bicentennial insignia on his train. The chairman said he would write Pat Hoffman concerning this matter.

The chairman then brought up the need for an Information Center at the Maryland-Virginia Line on Route 13 by May 1976. Another might be needed south of Fenwick upon entering Maryland and/or Route 90. Help will be needed from:

- 1) The Worcester County Commissioners
- 2) State Roads Commission
- 3) Personnel and volunteers : Carmel Wilson, CETA and John Yankus

It was recommended that Mr. and Mrs. John Presby be invited to become members of this group.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Revolutionary War Round Table at Salisbury State College will be held June 17th at the Student Union Bldg. Check with your newspaper for time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

And that's the way it was, June 5, 1975.

Mildred C. Brittingham
 Mildred C. Brittingham, Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Treasurer's Report
June 5, 1975

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

Receipts - None

Disbursements -

Duplication of minutes (11/19/74)-----\$ 4.80

"The Gallery" (framing of certificate)-----10.40

\$ 15.20-----15.20

Balance in bank 6/5/75-----\$431.63

Mildred C. Brittingham
Mrs. Elmer A. Brittingham, Treas.

Savings Account - On January 13, 1975 we received \$500.00 and placed it in a savings account at Maryland National Bank, Pocomoke City.

Interest as of 3/31/75 - \$5.38, making a total in savings as of this date of \$505.38.

During 1976 another \$1000.00 will be available if applied for from the state office.

Mildred C. Brittingham