

March 25, 2021

A meeting of the Arthur Sesquicentennial Committee of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, in the Arthur Community Building. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Those in attendance were Village Trustee Christy Miller, Marty Yeakel, Eric and Stephanie Alexander, Barb Eckstein, Iris Dicks, and Chad and Michele Price.

Old Business

- President Randall reviewed ideas from the previous meeting including: an Arthur history book, a pictorial Arthur Yearbook, Sesquicentennial coins and Christmas ornaments, an Historical Marker Program, the time capsule opening and preparing a new one, and a Sesquicentennial logo that could be used for promoting the event. Stephanie Alexander presented some logo ideas. People have already volunteered to help with certain parts of the celebration, but more volunteers are needed.

New Business

- President Randall presented a tentative timeline of events starting as soon as the end of 2021. Everyone was asked to review the timeline and make suggestions about the events being considered, especially dates for the main week-long celebration. In addition it was suggested that some events should be held during Homecoming Week in 2023 and that there should be an Arthur display in the Merchants Building during the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair in 2023.

New ideas were discussed including: creating an Arthur Historical wall calendar with vintage pictures and important historical dates listed, having a community movie night showing the video tape version of the 125th play and other vintage video, and thoughts about a community picnic in 2023. It was suggested to see if the Association of Commerce might want to do a license plate program in 2022-23 to help promote the Sesquicentennial.

General Discussion

- There was discussion that general meetings like this would not need to be regularly scheduled because most of the preliminary work for the Sesquicentennial will be done by a few volunteers working together. Everyone should focus on getting the Arthur public excited about Arthur's 150th Anniversary and start finding others who would like to help with its projects and events.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

APPROVED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Randall", with a stylized flourish at the end.