

## 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration - May 10, 2023 Recap

**Present were:** Sandie Peterson, Carol Hoffmann, Sheri & Wayne Portner, Lori Dick, Scott Portner, Ruth Klossner, Tom Polich, Al Fox, Denny Sjogren, Mark Schuelke and Sandy Burger

**The group will not meet until after harvest/ this winter. If you have updates or thoughts email them to Sandy Burger @ [lafacityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lafacityclerk@gmail.com) and they will be compiled into email updates until the next meeting.**

### Items discussed:

- 1) Logo design submissions: The logos that were submitted were reviewed and no action taken.
- 2) Financial update: The celebration fund is set up as a City fund. All donations and bills will run through the city. Burger let everyone know that the city has tax exempt accounts at different places for when supplies to run the event are needed, the city would have to order.
- 3) Parade: There was a discussion on whether or not to have a parade on Sunday, they are a lot of work and there does not seem to be anyone interested in organizing it. The consensus of the group was to pursue finding a group who would organize it. Discussed possible grand Marshalls – but will wait until closer to the event. Ruth will check with a person for organizing the parade. **5/16/2023 update: Ruth contacted Deb Sjostrom and she will head the parade, being it is a one-time event – BUT she will need help!!**
- 4) Fireworks instead/in addition to the parade? Lori & Wayne checking into pyrotechnic companies who do them.
- 5) Do not have Night to Unite in 2025 – too close to this event. **Non-issue - Kayla said she would still organize it and it would be a week later due to how the celebration falls. Celebration July 23-27 Night to Unite August 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- 6) Sandie contacted Tawnie (TNT Inflatables) and they do have tents available to rent – Lori will check with St. George if they rent theirs out.
- 7) MN Golf Cart in Madelia – they do rent carts and deliver & pick them up. \$80 for 2-seater and \$100 for 4-seater – will verify if by the day or the weekend.
- 8) Concord singers are booked - budget \$750 for 2 40-minute sets with a break. Narin also \$100 donation same time
- 9) Tom & Kayla will work on talent list for the Saturday afternoon entertainment of local talents – Tristan Blue will be available, check with Larry Mages, Rick Franta, etc.
- 10) Possible fire dept demonstrations by the fire trainer guy.
- 11) Wayne would run a medallion hunt. 1 clue a day until found
- 12) Ruth suggested someone video the entire weekend – drone to capture it – Daniel Hayes, Eric Platz, Wakefield Pork, Mike Olsen were ideas.
- 13) Movie: Tom will check with NU Movie Theatre, someone will check with the NU Library, Sheri checking at school.
- 14) Budget: Sandie will work on a budget.
- 15) Books: last time purchased 600? Being printed as sections, stores, organizations etc. cannot do a 25-year update, will reprint entire book. Many do not have them.
- 16) The group brought up possible organizations which could be invited without a cost or extra work for organizers such as: Helicopter, face painting, National Guard, semis, UFC equipment, Nicollet Posse, etc.
- 17) Sewing group is open to the quilt show - will check about vendor/craft show too.
- 18) History display – Burger, Bob Youngblom & sister Karen volunteered too **(Karen has been working on this display in the community center)**
- 19) Carol brought up a Sunday morning Prayer service prior to the waffle event.
- 20) Lions possibly do a raffle?
- 21) other thoughts – would need sponsors to bring groups such as – Shriners, Wenninger band, Schell's hobo band, Jeff Anderson – misfits.

### **Kayla set up a Facebook page for the event Lafayette Celebrating 125 years**

Keeping lots of activities going, whether they are volunteers running and part of our budget or organizations as listed in item 16, to keep people in town!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Burger