

Boonslick Outdoor Arts Committee meeting
3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009
University Extension Center meeting room
Boonville, MO.

Meeting began at 3:35 p.m.

Update on sculpture and plaques: Sabra reported the bust, “plaster” bust, plaque and pedestal were all in Moberly being readied for the dedication. She will be there next week and take a digital photo with the bust having a light backdrop for the front page of the dedication brochure.

She reported that Tim Carter of Carter Monument will be in Boonville this coming week to put in the foundation for the pedestal.

Plaster bust: Dedication of the plaster bust at David Barton School will be at 1:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. May 7 in the cafeteria at the school. Because of the school size, not all students can attend at the same time. All outdoor arts committee members are invited.

Misty said any day that week should work well for the dedication. She inquired about the size of the pedestal base for the sculpture. Sabra said 14 inches by 14 inches or 12 inches by 14 inches would be fine. She said the bust will be on a one inch walnut base. (Pretty upscale!)

Bill Fuemmeler at Boonville High School is making the display case.

Dedication Ceremonies:

Starting time: 1 p.m. on May 1. Will need to be completed by 2:30 p.m. to get the students back to David Barton School for their buses.

Music and Students reading: Misty reported the David Barton Fifth Grade Band (75 students) will be playing. If there is room on the dedication brochure, the musical pieces will be listed.

Kathy Howard, music teacher, is working on the lyrics for a song honoring David Barton.

There also is a possibility students will recite poems they have written about Barton.

Preparation: Gary said he will have bleacher seating at the dedication, the P.S. system and set up chairs for the ceremonies. Sue said the school will handle the chairs and stands for the music students. She asked that Morgan Street be closed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow for set up. The school also would like the bleachers to be along the Main Street side of Morgan Street. This will be sued for adults.

Misty said the school would bring plastic sheets for the students to sit on in the street.

Art suggested that Jim Higbie be contacted to see if he would allow a photographer to record the ceremonies from an upper story of his business across the street from the park. Art Schneider will contact Jim. Misty said she will ask her husband, Glenn, to serve as the photographer.

Sabra will provide a black dedication shroud for the ceremony.

If Gary has questions about the logistical arrangements, either Sue Williams or Misty Langston at David Barton School will serve as contact person.

Dedication brochure: Art distributed a dedication brochure draft designed by Darlene Kraus of the Extension Center. He asked the committee to go over the brochure and suggest changes and to proofread. Mary Pt found several changes that Art will take to Darlene. It was suggested that the State of Historical Society of Missouri be thanked on the brochure because of the resources it provided for researching Barton.

Guests and speakers: Misty has been in contact with Senator Bond's and Senator McCaskill's offices. Betty Bowen will follow up with Hillard Selck as a contact with Senator Bond. Misty went to school with Senator McCaskill and has initiated written contact.

Sue and Misty will contact Rep. Kenny Jones and State Senator Bill Stauffer to invite their attendance.

Here are the minimum seats that may need to be adjusted:

U.S Senator

Gary Nauman

David Barton School representative to be determined.

Minister

Mayor

Sabra Tull Meyer—sculptor

State Senator

State Representative

Gary Kremer, State Historical Society of Missouri executive director

Gary will be asked to thank the donors as master of ceremonies. Art will take care of inviting the donors to the dedication.

It was agreed to ask Jeff Martin to give the opening prayer.

Rain Alternative: If the ceremony is rained out, moving the ceremonies to LSE auditorium was approved. Sue will contact the school to make the arrangements.

Since the meeting arrangements have been made to have the backup ceremony in the David Barton Gymnasium, which also has a stage that could be used for the dignitaries.

There was some discussion about class pictures with Sabra and the bust, but with 22 classes it would not be possible to do and have the students back to school by 2:30 p.m.

During the discussion it was noted that Robert Clark was a major influence on Missouri's first constitution. His contributions have not been recognized. Barton is called the father of the state's first Constitution. Clark lived at 616 High Street in Boonville. He may be a candidate for a possible future sculpture.

DAR: Art asked if the DAR would serve as hostesses for the dedication and wear clothing typical of 1820 to 1840. Dorothy, Mary Pat and Betty Bowen will contact the DAR.

Peace Circle: Art distributed a sheet with a photo of the Peace Circle, a bronze sculpture about 52 inches high and 10 feet in diameter. It was sculpted by Gray Price. Sabra said he is a nationally known sculptor who is noted for his sculptures of children.

Art reported that the sculpture is part of Michael Jackson's Neverland estate that will be auctioned in April. It is expected to sell for between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The auctioneer's fee will be on top of that and then shipping. Art suggested that the Outdoor Arts Project bid for the sculpture. He noted that if it sells as inexpensively as expected it would be a bargain. He also suggested that considerable publicity would come to the community of the sculpture were purchased, He also thought much publicity could be generated as the sculpture arrives in Boonville and is then set up.

He asked if the committee would support contacting the city or a local bank to see if it would provide funds to allow the committee to purchase the sculpture and then be repaid through committee fundraising efforts—perhaps with the city sharing half the cost. He suggested that if bidding went to more than \$30,000 that the effort be aborted. Sabra said that would be a very good bargain.

The committee authorized going ahead on this project.

Winky also announced that Sabra would be addressing the county historical society at 2 p.m. June 21 at Masonic Hall in Boonville to show photos of the processes involved in creating a bronze work.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.