



## JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Attended:** Wally Bloss, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Susan Adams, Patrick Tuttle, Rikki Smith, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Brad Belk, Jill Sullivan, and Daya Davenport

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. February 2022: Motion made by Mr. Belk and seconded by Ms. Adams that we approve the February 2022 minutes. Unanimous approval.
- III. **Iris Gardens**
  - a. Barb Hogelin called Mr. Tuttle and said that she's going to Columbia for some sort of statewide event and will take our Iris cookie cutters with her
  - b. Ms. Adams said that on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Tri-State Iris Society will have an Iris show at Joplin Empire Market and that Iris pop-up booths will start appearing around that time.
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
  - a. The Joplin Heritage Trail dedication will be at Landreth Park between Pool and Murphy BLVD on March 23, 2022 at 10am. An invitation that will be sent to all sponsors is in the works. The Osage Nation, Early Settlers, and Discovery of Lead signs will be the first three unveiled. Speakers: Dr. Chad Stebbins and, hopefully, a representative of the Osage Nation.
- V. **Special Events: Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. Discussion about what events and such we would like to do as a group and what we would NOT like to do as a group. How best to share the workload?
  - b. Percy Wenrich: Ragtime Honors – Committee had a meeting today and generated many ideas and they will send us the notes. The event is on April 1, 2023. Please see the attachment.

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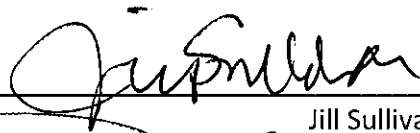
- c. Cox Homestead – Applied for Keller Williams Realtors to do Red Day at the cemetery (it's a volunteer situation, the first or second Thursday in May).
- d. Baseball event – No update, but looking at April 15, 2023 being baseball weekend.
- e. OCC – Focused on having the Songspiration (?) event on Sunday, March 12th, 2023 in their chapel.
- f. Art exhibit at Spiva (Local Color), details pending.
- g. History exhibit at the library, details pending.
- h. Started a discussion about sponsoring a large event at Junge Stadium, perhaps in the June/July timeframe.
- i. What about an event at Schifferdecker Beer Gardens? Mr. Tuttle will look into it.
- j. Discussion about the 2022 Joplin Arts Fest serving as a kick-off for the Sesquicentennial?


VI. **Marketing Committee**

- a. Discussion about web domains, website, and social media
- b. We will make a slight change to the coin then place an order of 500. We will sell them for \$10 each. If we sell 155, then we make our money back.
- c. Mr. Tuttle checked on postcards and we can do a 7-panel post card with a cover and two post cards on each side, so 15 postcards total. Maybe we could do one per decade? What do we want it to say on the backside of the post card? What sort of postcard packet would we like to do? If they are single sided, then we would need narratives and the backside would need to be branded for the 150th.
- d. Mr. Tuttle is talking with Binky Guy Textiles about shirts, tote bags, buttons, and maybe ball caps.
- e. Discussion about licensing the logo to get people to use it.
- f. We still need a sponsorship draft letter.

VII. **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4pm at City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Approved:   
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved:   
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair

# A Ragtime Salute to Percy Wenrich, "The Joplin Kid"

## Subcommittee meeting of March 1, 2022

Attendance: Patrick Tuttle, Brad Belk, Wally Bloss, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Steve Spracklin, Jud Fisher, and Ed Kespohl

1. **Discussed working titles:**  
Percy Wenrich, Ragtime Honors – The Joplin Kid, Joplin's Composer
2. **Working event dates:**  
April 1, 2023:
  - Thursday, March 30 – load-in and rehearsal
  - Friday, March 31 – Barber Shop Quartets, TBD
  - Saturday, April 1 – Percy Wenrich, Ragtime honors
3. **Event location:**
  - MSSU Taylor Auditorium. Renovation planned to be complete by Feb 2023
  - Central Christian Center – reserved as backup
4. **Sponsor:**  
Up to \$5,000 sponsorship secured from "The Stanley Family"  
501c3 to accept the sponsorship – ProMusica or Joplin Historical Society -- TBD
5. **Marketing/Promotions:**  
CVB will provide marketing funds and design branding and marketing strategy
6. **For the performance:**  
Grand piano and upright  
Sound equipment/technician, A/V support  
ASCAP licensing, piano tuner  
*Heartland Band* members: Bass, Drums, Trombone, Clarinet (1/2), Coronet/Trumpet
7. **Concert format:**  
2-hour event, with intermission, roughly 31 songs, with historical narration (Ron Peterson??), with song related background photos and images  
Produce commemorative program for the audience
8. **Related programs/participants:**  
Possible JHS theater and choir departments involvement - TBD  
Possible Ragtime student contest, March 31 playoff, winner performs April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Barber Shop/Sweet Adeline's involvement/support the day before and day of

9. **Needed items:**

Honoree photos and bios, and related images

Arrangements (orchestration and quartets) – fee, copies, TBD

10. **Ticketing source/process:**

Free to the public??

- Chad, Brad, and Steve will be working on items 7 and 9.
- Patrick will be working items 4 and 5.

Next subcommittee meeting will be in May/June timeframe.

### **Working Playlist**

#### **PERCY WENRICH MUSIC:**

L'Inconnu

Wabash Avenue After Dark

The Smiler, a Joplin Rag

Red Rose Rag

Snow Deer

Rainbow

Silver Bell

Skeleton Rag

Alamo Rag

Sunflower Rag

My Hula Hula Love

Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet

When You Wore a Tulip and I Wore a Big Red Rose

On Moonlight Bay

Sweet Cider Time When You Were Mine

Goodbye Summer, So Long Fall, Hello Wintertime

Sugar Moon

Noodles, a German Rag

Crabapples Rag

I Ain't Got Weary Yet

Where Do We Go from Here, Boys?

How Are You Going to Wet Your Whistle  
When the Whole Darn World Goes Dry?

How I Love the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole When the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Hole is Over

All Muddled Up

Sail Along, Silvery Moon

#### **OTHER WRITERS' MUSIC:**

Missouri, by Daniel K. Wenrich, Percy's father

Maple Leaf Rag, by Scott Joplin

The Entertainer, by Scott Joplin

Corn Shucks Rag or Pickled Beets Rag, by Eddie Kuhn

Ophelia Rag, by James Scott

Take Me Out to Lakeside, by James Scott

House of Lords Rag, by "Ragtime Bob" Darch