

Centennial Celebration Committee Meetings Report

Dates: August 6 & 27, 2025

Summary: The committee has focused on two primary initiatives for the Centennial Celebration: a commemorative coffee table book and a series of historical movies.

1. Commemorative Coffee Table Book

- **Content & Development:** The project will involve reviewing the Panida's historical scrapbooks and consulting with Katlyn for poster materials. Tasks will be delegated to find people and organize meetings. The committee is establishing the book's dimensions and a rough page count.
- **Production & Logistics:** The committee is researching local printers (seeking discounts) and layout software, prioritizing printers' layout standards to save time. Amy will reach out to Chris Bussler of Keokee Press for recommendations.
- **Funding & Pricing:** To cover costs, the committee is considering benefit concerts in the Little Theater and creating a detailed expense list for potential donors. The goal is to keep the final sale price low for the community.

2. Centennial Movie Series

- **Concept:** A series of movies will be scheduled leading up to the centennial, with care taken to avoid conflicts with other major events. Doug is looking into film licensing. An early film idea is *Wings in the Dark* (1935) due to its connection to Nell Shipman.
- **Promotional Events:**
 - A social hour with food and drinks will be held both before and after the film screenings.
 - A pre-reel slideshow will feature fun facts and promotions for upcoming events.
 - Attendees will be encouraged to dress in the theme of the movie's decade, potentially earning an extra raffle ticket.
- **Sponsorship & Fundraising:**
 - The committee will seek sponsorships from local restaurants to provide decade-themed signature cocktails and food, potentially covering licensing costs as well.
 - A raffle ("Take Home a Piece of the Panida") will feature memorabilia from the featured decade.
 - A merchandise table will operate before and after the movies, selling items and promoting the upcoming coffee table book.