

250th COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2022 (via ZOOM)

Present: Susan Baron, Keith Bardwell, Fred Baron, Adelia Bardwell, Jane Grybko, Don Bates, Amy Schraeder, Joyce Palmer-Fortune, John Hannum, Bill Smith, Lisa Korpiewski, Frostine Bean, Sara Cooper

The Minutes from the January minutes were approved with corrections made.

Fundraising

- A check was received for \$5,000 from Yankee Candle. They will also give us 250 candles with the 250th logo.
- Joyce spoke with Tom's Hot Dogs about the car show to be held on Friday, June 17th. Possibly a concert will be held here per Joyce. Spoke about hot dog eating contest. Keith suggested speaking to Gary about his donation/contribution of services at events counting as his donation/contribution.

Events

- Polka: Don Bates reported the event will be 3-9PM on Saturday, June 18th. 3 bands have been hired. Amy and Don will talk with Gary Kloc about providing food. Liquor license needed for adult events.
- BBQ: John suggested two seatings for Friday, June 24 - 5:30 and 7:00. Buying 300 chicken halves. Serving before the Fireworks. Will be held at the fire station under a tent. Sanitary cans should be ordered, possibly trailers, with cans transported to other events as needed.
- Ecumenical Service: Will be held during the regular Sunday service at the Whately Congregational Church at 10:00 on June 19th.
- Family Day: Amy reported event will be held 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, June 25th. She will contact Tom's Hot Dogs and Muffins about food. In process of planning events for the youth. Fred reminded the group that the state is providing \$10,000 for this event, including live music.
- Firemen's Muster: John report this will be held at 1:00 on Sunday, June 19th at Herlihy Park. Most teams will be from Berkshire County.
- Fireworks: Must keep under \$10,000. John suggested discussing parking logistics. He will talk with Yankee Candle about using their parking lot.
- Parade: There will be no Mummers band. John is getting other bands – checking with Sunderland about bands that appeared in their parade.

Invitations are going to the 5 towns next to us. Parade route will be from the Congregational Church to the intersection of Christian Lane and Long Plain Road.

- Tractor Parade: To be held on Saturday, June 18th. Time to be determined. Preferably in the morning. The route will be shorter than the Santa Parade.
- Concerts: Joyce reported that a concert will be held in conjunction with Cruise Night. Friends of the Library want The Bad News Jazz Band for the dedication of the Town Gift at the Library. For Family Day, T.J. and the Peepers is planned. Other concerts are being planned for the BBQ, Watermelon Wednesday and, possibly, Thursday evening.
- Library Event: The Town gift dedication and time capsule burying will take place Monday, June 20 from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Library. Keith with investigate having tethered balloon rides at the event. Keith is still checking on the stones to be used for the bench. 3 months lead time required.
- Time Capsule: Keith reported that the box is being fabricated at the Tech School.

Ticketing: Where events tickets will be needed, the tickets should be sold in advance. EventBrite was suggested as a vehicle for doing so. Ticketed events would include: BBQ, Polka, balloon rides and, possibly, indoor concerts.

Souvenirs: Under 200 milk bottles already etched. Joyce suggested etching all of them. So voted by the members. Can we narrow down items out of Dan Olanak's catalog for people to order? Discussion to continue to a later date per Susan.

Volunteers are needed for various events. Don Bates said the Police Dept. is offering to help. Student groups from the Frontier will be asked.

Tent: From Hill Town Tents, Keith is waiting to hear about leasing for a week: 40' by 100' is \$1,680, 24 tables are \$10 each, wooden dance floor is \$600. Approximately \$3-5,000 for all rentals.

Susan said to keep her informed of plans for individual events. Fred said to tell him of expenses.

Next meeting on March 14th. Adjourned 8:10.