

Bristol Bicentennial Committee

March 27, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Janet Cote, Claire Moorhead, Al Blakeley, Lucille Keegan, Hilda Bruno, Karen Bemis, Susan Sodano, Kerry Mattson, Nancy Dowey, Les Dion

Call to Order: Janet called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Minutes Review: ***Lucille Keegan moved to accept the minutes of the 3/13/19 meeting. Karen Bemis second and the motion passed 6-0-1.***

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Town Meeting: All items were funded.

2. Update on Sponsorships: Claire has updated the forms for the Celebratory sponsors and has them for us to take. Also, she has advertising forms and the deadline is 4/26. We have received \$24,300 in sponsorships/ads to date. Sue is still following up on a couple.

3. Update on 3/24 Sponsor Recognition Event: Janet reports that it went well and there were about 24 people in attendance. They were given framed certificates. Al will connect with Mark at the Homestead to give him his certificate and to get a photo that can be used. Claire will post past photos that she took. Kerry said we need to do a personal reach out to sponsors for this type of event. It was also too short of a turnaround as people are booked out a couple of months in advance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming Events

a. Mud Season Mixer: This event is Saturday, 3/30 at the Old Town Hall from 7:30-10:30 pm.

b. School Concert: Stacy supplied us with posters to be hung around town. This will be on 4/10 at 6:30 pm at the HS. Stacy did reach out to the Towle family to invite them.

c. Dinner: Janet reports that a group met with the Homestead staff and town staff members at the Old Town Hall. We are all set for this. They are also prepared for the dance the night before. Permitting is all set. Now we need to get invites out and start ticket sales. We will have seating for 160 with 20 round tables for 8. We have 40 tickets committed for invited guests and this will leave us with 120 to sell. They will be sold at \$40/person or \$75/couple. We need to work out the ticket sale system and will probably just sell at the Town Office. We are going to ask Reverend McLeod to do the invocation.

d. Parade: The parade will be on 7/4 and advertised as 'Two Birthdays – One Parade'. Claire has made up posters. We discussed prizes and the Community Events Committee had chosen not to do prizes this year. Al suggested we do a 'Bicentennial Spirit Award' for one float/entry. We can look at getting a gift basket put together for the winner with local goods. Al is working on getting the alumni classes to participate. We will need lots of volunteers to help with set up. Claire asked if we need to follow up with anyone that was planning on being in the Old Home Day parade. Claire reports that the 39th Army Band is putting us on their summer schedule and will be contacting us with potential dates.

e. Old Home Day update: Hilda reports that she would like us to hire Steve Blunt and his two additional entertainers for \$750. They will dress in period costume and sing old time songs. We just need to pick a time for them. Also, Don Towle and a ukulele band are coming. It was agreed to do all of this. Claire said that Doug has put a call in to a Fife & Drum Band also. To date Hilda has the following committed:

- Oxbow/Yoke Maker
- Native American Talk
- Logging Talk

- Maple Sugar House
- Library timeline
- TTCC Talk
- Old Fashion Broom maker
- Sheep

We need to look for someone to talk about WWI and WWII. Also need someone to talk about local mines, the crutch factory and the brick company.

With all the activity on the park we will need to put a map together and figure out a potential layout for all of this. We will do this at our next meeting. Some of the details we need to consider are additional porta potties, parking areas, a shuttle and people to oversee parking. It was suggested that we might be able to use the Dead River parking lot, BES, and maybe the Baptist Church. We also discussed if FNOK would work. Les suggested we might be able to get CERT to do the parking for us.

Ice Cream Social/Play: Janet has spoken with Linda at Mill Fudge and they are all set to do the ice cream. Linda is working on a dramatic reading for September 1st. It was suggested that we do this at 7 pm as the afternoon on Labor Day weekend might not draw a crowd. Janet will confirm with Linda.

Pancake Breakfast: Les has spoken with Paul Fraser from the Mason's. He is going to check and see if they could do an additional 100-150 people that day. The other possibility would be to pick another date and see if they would do a 2nd one. We could also see if the Legion would do it. We want to make sure we don't pick a day that the Legion is already doing a breakfast.

Trivia Questions: We have questions through August but will need more after that. We have prizes for 12 weeks so need to solicit some more. Kerry said he could get some and TDBank is going to give us some.

Block Party: The DJ is all set and we are going to have a pickleball demo and chance to try the game. We also have face painting, balloons, bubble station, kickball, cornhole tourney and more. Kathleen's is going to sponsor with a prize and get the Guinness corn hole boards for us. The Fire Department will do a spray down. Woodman's and Shackett's Breweries are in for the beer tent. We just need to follow up on the licensing.

3. Other

a. The commemorative items have been ordered and should be here for the next meeting.

Claire suggests we all check out the website as it has been re-designed. Our page has many links now and the Legacy & Heritage sponsors will have their logos with a link posted. She will be adding a photo page as well. Jenne Walker is taking over the FB page and will also take over the trivia piece.

b. Program Book: The content deadline is 4/26. Get info to Claire sooner rather than later. Plymouth General Dentistry is going to take the inside cover. It was agreed that we should give him a sponsorship as he is letting us use the downtown building for advertising/info.

c. Downtown Space: This space is being cleaned out. There was some confusion on whether we will have window space as they may be having the window painted. Hilda will follow up on this.

d. Marketing/Promotions: This is the Mayhew Programs 50th year. Claire suggested it would be great if they put together some photos and history for the program book. Also, maybe they could book some special bicentennial tours. Kerry will follow up on this.

Next Meeting: April 17th at 4 pm – then meetings on 5/1, 5/15, 5/29

Al Blakeley moved to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Hilda Bruno second.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Dion