

## **Bristol Bicentennial Committee**

**March 20, 2018**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Claire & Doug Moorhead, Janet Cote, Stacy Buckley, Hilda Bruno, Lucille Keegan, Bill & Nancy Dowey, Leslie Dion

**Minutes Review:** Leslie apologized for not having the minutes prepared from the last meeting. She will get them out ASAP.

**Introductions:** Bill and Nancy Dowey were introduced to the group. They are interested in being on the committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Review of Partners/Potential Committee Members:** Karen Bemis will be joining us from NLRA. Stacy sent requests out to Bill Karkheck and Michael Daughen but is waiting to hear back. Les has not spoken to Paul Fraser as yet. Hilda spoke with Al Blakeley and he is interested in joining. We will need to give all new potential member names to the Select Board for approval. We will not need approval for sub-committee volunteers once we get to that point.
2. **Town Meeting Update:** We did have a display at Town Meeting but not at voting. We did not get \$10,000 in the 2018 budget.
3. **Review Revised Event List:** The actual bicentennial date is Monday, June 24th. We want to have events during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and Old Home day weekend as our major focus.
4. **Logo Design:** Claire and Janet have met on this and are going to do a search for ideas from local people. They will be putting together the guidelines and then get them to the committee for approval/revisions. Hilda did speak with the Tonner Brothers and they are interested in helping with this.
5. **Social Media/Website Updates:** Claire said that they are working on creating an email for this committee. They are also working on a FB page and it should be ready for the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Event Dates & placement of events:** Stacy shared that the High School and Newfound Memorial Middle School have met and offered to do a concert on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the High School with music by Beatrice Evelyn Thompson from Bristol. They would also like to invite local veterans and play some special music for them. Doug asked if we could do an art show with student art at the same time. Stacy will reach out to the art department to see if they could do this. We might be able to ask storefronts to display the art throughout the summer. Claire said that if we did a poetry contest we could share some of it in the event guide.
2. **Brainstorm list of potential event sites:** Bill asked what the alcohol policy will be on events. Janet said that something like the celebration dinner might have alcohol but most events would not.
  - a. **June 24<sup>th</sup> potential events:** Birthday party with cake on Kelley Park from 6-8 pm. Have a proclamation read. Maybe touch off a canon or have a 21 gun salute. It was suggested to have the kick off concert on this night to bring people to the park.
  - b. **June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Have a formal dinner with dignitaries and special guests – maybe at Old Town Hall and catered.
  - c. **June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill suggests doing something to kick off the weekend on Saturday. Maybe hold a contra dance or some other type of musical entertainment at Old Town Hall.
  - d. **July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Parade in am and concert and barbecue that evening. We could try to get the 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band or some other military band. The Boat Parade would be in the afternoon at the lake.

- e. July 5<sup>th</sup>: Try to get an organization to do something this day.
- f. July 6<sup>th</sup>: Farmers Market and Fireworks at the lake. It was suggested we might want to have a bicentennial table at the Farmer's Market during the summer.
- g. Old Home Day Weekend:
  - i. Thursday: Concert
  - ii. Friday: Spaghetti Dinner at Fire Department and then go to re-enactment at park.
  - iii. Saturday: Parade, Field Day, Re-enactment of Civil War, Revolutionary War and Indian history, inflatables, Lobster & Chicken Supper, Craft Demonstrations
  - iv. Sunday: Sunrise Service at Inspiration Point with Pancake Breakfast to follow. Baseball game at Kelley Park with barbecue and picnic. We might be able to get the restaurants to do a picnic lunch special. We could ask Lion's Club or Food Wagon to do the pancake breakfast. End with canon being shot off again. Could do kayak or bike event that day as well.

Other suggestions:

- Celtic Festival at Kathleen's during summer. Is there a Mexican holiday? Use portable stage for music events.
- Have a slide show of old pictures at all events. Could do on back wall of old liquor store during Old Home Day night.
- Ask Jenne Walker – new Executive Director for Slim Baker Foundation – to be on the committee.
- Have open forums in the community to get ideas/suggestions/volunteers. Do one as a coffee and muffin event and one in the evening.

Next Meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Dion