

Voluntown Tri-Centennial Committee

2/23/17

Meeting called to order by members at 6:05 pm

Committee members present

- Beth Taylor
- Victoria Schwery
- Cheryl Sadowski
- Wendy Gauthier
- Amy LaBossiere

Rachel Ricard present stating a letter was handed into the Selectman for consideration on the committee today.

Election of Officers

- Motion made by Amy to nominate Beth Taylor as Co-Chairman. Motion seconded by Wendy. Vote taken. Beth accepted as Co-Chairman.
- Motion made by Beth to nominate Victoria Schwery as Secretary. Motion seconded by Cheryl. Vote taken. Victoria accepted as Secretary
- Motion made by Wendy to nominate Amy LaBossiere as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Cheryl. Vote taken. Amy accepted as Vice-Chairman.
- Motion made by Wendy to nominate Cheryl Sadowski as Treasurer. Motion seconded by Victoria. Vote taken. Cheryl accepted as Treasurer
- Motion made by Cheryl to nominate Wendy Gauthier as Co-Chairman. Motion seconded by Beth. Vote taken. Wendy accepted as Co-Chairman

Discussion

- Treasurer responsibilities. Cheryl to contact the Selectmen for direction of responsibilities and discussion on how finances to be conducted. Cheryl to ask the Selectmen to budget \$10,000 for FY2018. Currently have \$9,000.00 set aside.
- Planned future meetings to be held on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.
- Discussion had to celebrate as a yearlong event leading up to May 21st with other events to precede and follow the anniversary date.
- Invite civic organizations in town to be involved.
- Name of committee – Tri-Centennial Planning committee
- Suggested by Cheryl if we were to ask a citizen to photograph or video the event, to write up a contract between the committee and photographer/videographer
- Contact the Library newsletter to insert an article for next publication. Vicki will contact.
- Fundraiser ideas – Beth to look into the costs of ornaments. Wendy to look into the costs of t-shirts, hats and sweatshirts.
 - Ornaments

- T-shirts
- Hats
- Sweatshirts
- Commemorative book
- Family ads in book
- 5K run
- Logo design – Committee decided to hold a competition for school children to design a logo for the 300th celebration. Rachel to contact Nancy McBride, Art Teacher at VES, to get her ideas for the competition. Plan to introduce the competition for the start of the new school year in September 2017.
- Fireworks
- Ask Cathy Rubin to incorporate the celebration in her summer reading program.
- Signage to promote the celebration – Tri-centennial flags to hang off light posts.
- Facebook and other outlets for marketing – Amy volunteered to take the lead on marketing for the celebration.
- Thoughts to incorporate the celebration into the spring concert held at VES. Rachel to contact the music teacher to see if it's possible and to get ideas.
- Encampment – Town resident Greg Webster is involved in such activities.
- A float to be decorated by Voluntown students and ready for the Memorial Day Parade. Can be ready to march in other parades throughout the year to promote the anniversary.
- FD Muster – will contact FD for thoughts
- Complete a town map of historic spots for people to follow. Perhaps have selfie-spots and make it a competition or post a picture and ask residents to find it and post a picture of them near it.
- Cheryl will contact Cortland Kinne to see if he can attend the next meeting to discuss what he saw from Griswold's Bi-Centennial celebration. Cortland is a Griswold resident who served on the committee for Griswold.
- Generation event (Amy)
- Compile a list of civic organizations in Voluntown.
 - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YSB, Churches, School, Historical Society, Peace Trust, Library, Aura Hall, Fire Department, Rec Committee, local businesses and EDC.
- Next meeting to be held March 23rd at 6:00pm at Town Hall

Audience of Citizens

None in attendance

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.