

Voluntown Tricentennial Committee May 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Members present:

Cheryl Sadowski  
Rachel Ricard  
Wendy Gauthier  
Victoria Schwery  
Diana Ingraham

Minutes reviewed from meeting on 4/25/18. No March 2018 Meeting. Motion made and second to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: nothing new to report. Balance \$9,510.75. Proposed money included in new fiscal year budget is \$2,500.00.

Audience of Citizens:

Jim MacBride – interested in being part of the committee. Jim suggested inviting the last green valley to a meeting to see what they can do. Jim was wondering what events were being planned. Jim suggested and would look into an axe throwing competition. He offered to set it up and run it. Indian wars happened in this year historically. Perhaps invite Native Americans in relation to the town and invite them to participate. He states there is a lot to learn from History and perhaps make the celebration into a historical celebration. Or bring the history of the town into each event – such as if we have a re-enactment of the civil war perhaps find out Voluntown townsfolk who were in the war. An event describing the power pulled from the water/dam near the Maguire property. The lights on main street were powered by the damn until the 1970's. Locate a group who could show water power demonstration. Another suggestion was inviting Mark Star from North Stonington to a meeting. His last book was about stone structures that look like snakes in the area. He also did some research on stone cairns. He may be available to lead some walks.

Old Business:

Cheryl received a business card for Greg Webster who participates re-enactments – Northeast Topographical Engineers. He also owns a cannon and could demonstrate cannon firings.

Cheryl asked Jack Wesa about the rack cards; to be made and mailed cost \$2,000 for 800 cards

Vicki spoke with Belinda Wiese and the recreation committee has decided they will do a contest open to all in town to design the coins. Looking at production to be late summer or early fall 2019.

Logo design: Rachel to ask the winner to color her design.

New Business:

Cheryl would like to know if the night of the meeting can be changed. Everyone will check schedules.

Diana saw a post in the Norwich Bulletin for an application for a grant from the last green valley for "cultural events." Diana will see if she can locate the article. Motion made to allow Diana to get information and applications for the grant. Ayes have it.

Deadline for the Friends of the Library is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Would like to insert an article for the winners of the logo contest. And more information on how to get appointed to the committee.

Suggestion made to have a community yard sale and charge for a spot to hold a table as a fundraiser. Start advertising now for the yard sale.

Next meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 by Cheryl. Second by Rachel.

The potential list of ideas per month for the celebration year