

Voluntown Tricentennial Committee September 24, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Members present:

Beth Taylor
Cheryl Sadowski
Victoria Schwery
Diana Ingraham
Jim MacBride

Minutes reviewed from meeting on 6/27/18. Motion made by Diana and second by Cheryl to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: New funds - \$2,500 included in new fiscal year's budget, FY18/19. Cheryl collected \$9.65 at the farmers market. Balance \$12,020.40. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report.

Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business:

Diana talked with Leanne with Last Green Valley. Asked about grants. They have grants throughout the year and to watch for them. Leanne sent information on three grants. One is centered around a clean up day up to \$500. Historical and Cultural resource grant for sharing and preserving our resources, grants must be matched 1:1.

Vicki has set up the Facebook page. It's called the "Town of Voluntown's Tricentennial Celebration". The page is ready and the winners of the logo contest were announced.

Draft of the Tricentennial timeline reviewed to see what is up next.

Jim talked with Richard Geer as part of the wood cutters society from Griswold about an axe/wood presentation. Geer's group would come to do a presentation. He would like to continue talking with them.

Cheryl will look into a group to do craft beer.

New Business:

Welcome to Jim as a new member of the committee.

Jim brought up brainstorming other ways to "get the word out" like the rack cards or a website that can be linked to the town website.

Jim will run building the small house by his son and let us know his thoughts.

Jack Wesa asked Cheryl if one of us can go to the farmer's market to present the celebration for volunteers' day. Vicki and Beth can be there.

Possibly asking Al Dano? to do a beer tasting during the year and perhaps ask the Voluntown Packy to host. Insurance questionable.

Jack also mentioned he would like to see Russ James's books made again. "Making of a Connecticut Town."

Ed Grenier and Tim Hollister showed interest in attending the meetings.

Wendy wrote a small article for the town website about the committee and it has been posted on the website.

Diana to write something up to include in the Friends of the Library newsletter and share to the others through email before adding to the newsletter.

Next month we should plan the group meetings

Next meeting is October 22nd at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 by Diana. Second by Beth. Ayes have it.

The potential list of ideas per month for the celebration year

January – Bonfire – Christmas Tree burn

February – tri centennial king, queen, prince and princess

March – speaker (historical society)

April – 300 volunteers for earth day – kids fishing tournament (get the bait shop involved)

May - kick off weekend, band, 300 cupcakes

June – Mini mudder, canoe race

July – field parade – done on the field instead of streets

August – Fireman’s muster

Sept – speaker – corn maze Voluntown Day and FD Chicken BBQ

Oct – walking weekend and trunk or treat

Nov – Ecumenical service with all the churches in town.

Dec – Holiday event at Wiley School and caroling (weekend of Cub Scout tree lighting) Possible

Groups to contact

Girl Scouts

Boy Scouts

Youth Service Bureau – Mini Mudder?

School

Seniors

Fire Department

Aura Hall

Historical Society

Library

Recreation Commission

Baptist Church

Livingword Fellowship

St. Thomas Church

Voluntown Peace Trust – Jim MacBride

EDC

Sterling – Grange

Bethel Methodist Church

Big Businesses

Town & Country Disc. Oil
Town Pizza
Bronson's
Tamarack
Jewett City Savings Bank
Eastern Savings
Lavendar Hill Farm
Eagle Eye LLC
V-town Packy
Hartikkas
Olsen's Tree Farm

Looking for:

Someone to run the kids fishing tournament