

Voluntown Tricentennial Committee October 22, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present:

Beth Taylor  
Cheryl Sadowski  
Victoria Schwery  
Diana Ingraham  
Rachel Ricard  
Jim MacBride

Minutes reviewed from meeting on 9/24/18. Motion made by Jim and second by Beth to accept the minutes as amended. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance \$12,020.40 New funds - Cheryl collected \$10.00 at the farmers market. Balance 12,030.40. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report.

Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business:

Beth spoke with the Selectman and was asked where the money is that was collected at the farmers market. Cheryl keeps the money in her safe at home. Beth has asked Cheryl to turn the money in to the Selectman. Discussion was had about how to request money and where the money is being held. No one had the answers. Cheryl will attend the next Selectman's meeting on 10/23/18.

Jim spoke with Mr. Geer about the woodsman events. Mr. Geer would be glad to hold this type of event. He would be a point man and would bring in a group of people to hold a demonstration. We can specify the type of events. He's thinking a cost of \$2,000.00 to and the event would be around one to two hours long. Jim's thoughts for the event would be to provide education, include historical information and provide hands on experience. Mr. Geer suggests not to do an actual competition due to the amount of people, tools and time needed to hold one. He also suggests getting an MC (someone who can provide history and commentary on the events). The family also has all of Dave Geer's tools and paperwork of his time during his time as a champion and competitor.

Jim will also speak with the two owners of the lumber mills in town to see if they would be willing to provide wood for the planned events.

Jim suggested speaking with Pete Zvinglas about the construction of the house. Beth will run it by him by our next meeting.

Diana wrote an article to be included in the Friends of the Library newsletter. Rachel had a couple of ideas for changes.

Beth and Cheryl spoke about the re-enactment at the Pequot Sepost Center in Mystic. They talked with both sides and received names and interest in putting on a re-enactment for the celebration. Cheryl has names and contact information. There is no charge for the re-enactment but request reimbursement

for travel. They suggest we to ensure the Fire Marshall and Police are notified. Also, would like to know if holes could be dug. And they could invite suttlers who are vendors that sell and sew the clothing to these actors. They request a year's heads up/preview. Then they would advertise to their groups to bring in more people.

To hold these events, we need to find out if we need insurance, permission, permits and/or anything else. Need to talk with Recreation commission and the town selectman.

Jim suggests that Mark Starr can be the historical speaker. He has written a few books. Jim has offered to contact him to see what his thoughts were. Rachel brought up the person speaking about the CC Camps and inviting that person back.

Rachel would like to talk to Karen Britt about the information she shares with her students every year and getting the children involved. She seemed to have good information about the history of the town.

It was brought up that we should be actively fundraising.

Items to add to the agenda:

- Re-enactment
- Woodsman Event
- Fundraising

Vicki made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm and second by Jim. 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