

Tricentennial Meeting Minutes 2021

~~10/28/19~~
11/18/2019

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Committee members in attendance

Cheryl Sadowski
Vicki Schwery
Diana Ingraham
Jim MacBride

Secretary minutes reviewed from 10/28/2019. Revisions made. Motion made by Beth and second by Jim to approve the minutes as amended. Ayes have it.

Treasurer's report totals \$13,385.65. \$47.00 in t-shirt sales. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report. Ayes have it.

Audience of citizens:

None

Old Business:

Jim – talked with Richard Geer. Richard will provide names and contact information to help plan the axe throwing demonstration. Will talk again January.

Jim to ask Bronson's about showcasing the t-shirts

Jim tried to reach out to Mark Darrin – DEEP contact about maps. No answer.

Vicki Got a quote from Thelemic Printing for ballcaps and bandanas. Prices seem reasonable. 50-99 \$13.40 100-199 \$11.25 for hats. 50-99 \$6.45 100-199 \$5.45 Ask for different colors for bandanas. Is there a fee for different colors? Lt. Green or Red with black printing. The map was discussed again to place on the bandanas and Jim will check with DEEP again. Discussion had about the design of the hats. Vicki had Thelemic quote with logo on the front and Voluntown, CT 1721-2021 on back. Some had mentioned that people won't buy the hat with the leaf on the front. Discussed putting the town seal on the front in place of the leaf.

Vicki shared the information from the Salem bicentennial. This was a one-day celebration with activities throughout the day.

Vicki's thoughts were to solidify our plans for the tricentennial. Whether we decide monthly events or just the weekend long event. Vicki's recommendation, since we are a small committee, was to focus on the weekend and if other groups decide to do something else throughout the year, we can go from there. Examples: YSB April fishing tournament, Historical Society speaker and the Ecumenical Service. Perhaps the committee should contact these groups and ask for updates. Decisions should be made with a vote and then we should be able to plan from there. The letters could specify specific things we are looking for. Examples: food, paper goods and drinks. Or the bigger companies ask for monetary donations for fireworks.

Vicki also shared a draft for the May weekend with tentative time and events.

Rachel emailed some suggestions. In Rachel's email she suggested our focus should be on fundraising. She offered to attend the Rec Committee's Gingerbread Contest on December 14th to sell t-shirts. She also shared the letters for the churches and the bank/businesses again. Rachel's recommendation was to not only hold the weekend long event based on other groups committing to other activities – Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm corn maze, The Fishing tournament from YSB and the historical speaker with the historical society. She also noted the library board of trustees is brainstorming ways to participate in the celebration. Rachel suggested a quarterly event vs monthly activity.

Discussion had about how to reword the letters to ask for specific sponsorships. Ex. Ask Bronson's to sponsor paper goods for the weekend. The committee members were to take these home and work on rewording.

Fireworks was looked into and Vicki received information from Jody Grenier. First stop is the Fire Marshall. He is aware we are interested in holding the fireworks. He can help with the vendor and he said for a decent 15-minute show it would cost around \$10,000. We should connect with him and the vendor soon.

New Business:

Next meeting December 16 at 6:00pm
Motion made to adjourn at 7:00pm and second.