

Ashburnham 250th Celebration Committee, May 26, 2015

Present:

Steve Coswell and George Cornwall, Co-Chairmen, Pat Frederick, Secretary, Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Barbara DiVito, Tyna Donelson and Bob Fichtel. Guest: Steve Young, of the Hancock Tub brigade.

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

The committee voted to accept the secretary's minutes from the May 6th and May 19th meetings, as written.

Patty read aloud the budget figures for various Community Day expenses, to confirm them with the members responsible for each. She reminded the committee that anyone being paid \$600.00 or more must have a W-9 tax form.

Time Capsule Opening Event

Coffee should be available for attendees. Barb will arrange for Dutch Kitchen to deliver coffee and Danish pastries. Cushing is providing lemonade and cookies. The Police Department's electronic sign is currently being repaired, but should be back in time to advertise the event. Pat Frederick will open the church for the caterers that morning. Patty has arranged for flowers and name badges. Pat Frederick will print the badges.

Community Day

Steve has designed the program leaflet for the day: the front cover will bear the 250th logo, with list of sponsors on the left inside page, program schedule on the right, and a map of the Oakmont campus on the back, showing locations of the various attractions. Liz Penney, of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce and the Ashburnham Business Council, will arrange printing.

George is taking care of publicity, advertising in the Ashburnham Hometown News, The Gardner News, the (Fitchburg) Sentinel, and the Winchendon Courier. He will also contact Steve Wendell about a radio announcement.

We still need to arrange for face painting, sign up more volunteers, and get a sheltering cover for the stage, in case of rain. There will be no rain-date; the day will be held, rain or shine!

Firemen's Muster

The Committee consulted with Steve Young about location for the muster. After discussion and various suggestions, based on the aerial view of the campus, it was determined that the best way to identify location was for George and Steve Young to leave the meeting and go to Oakmont, to see the actual grounds. They returned with the verdict: the muster will take place in the upper parking area, and the car show will be located on the field, where there is room for more vehicles. George will buy twelve rolls of resin paper for measuring the stream of water pumped by each competing brigade. Only two trophies are needed – one for first and one for second class - and can be either sculpturesque or in the form of plaques; we can decide on our own design. We will need to reprint a revised map of the attractions.

Event Staff Tee Shirts

The committee discussed colors, prices, sizes and designs, finally settling on orange shirts, all-cotton, with the 250th Anniversary logo and the words, "EVENT STAFF" in black, on the back. A list of sizes for committee members was drawn up, and an order prepared for Julie Olivari's company, Blue Heron Enterprises. The shirts will also be worn on the day of the parade.

Historic Home and Garden Tours

Barb reported that there are nine houses to be visited on Saturday, July 18th. Christina Sargent and Rebecca Rice are planning the event. Persons wishing to join the tour should register online, then pick up a packet with a map, at the first house, at 9:30 AM. The event will close at Rebecca's house, "Windswept", with a reception from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. There will need to be a printed program, and subcommittee members should join the 150th Committee at our first meeting following Community Day, June 30th, to firm up plans.

Softball Games with Royalston

Two dozen people have signed up to play for Ashburnham, in the July 24th and 26th games. George has arranged with Julie Olivari for "team" tee shirts. We need to supply one dozen softballs. Players should bring their own bats and gloves. We need to plan the food; we will supply the food for one game, Royalston, for the other.

Time Capsule Opening

Dress Rehearsal Monday, June 1, at 5:00 PM, in front of Town Hall.

Parade

The Committee's July 15th meeting will be devoted to parade planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The Committee will meet next on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 PM in the basement meeting room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia H. Frederick

Patricia H. Frederick, Secretary