

OLD HOME DAYS MINUTES

September 2, 2015

The Old Home Days committee met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room at 5:30 PM on September 2. Those in attendance were: Shirley Green, Kristin Harrington, Lori Bliss Hill, Patty Williams, Stephanie Hill, Marjorie Carr, Nancy Smith, Alisa Bonnette, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The August 5 minutes were approved as written. Meredith Smith was re-elected chair with Kristin Harrington elected as co-chair.

Meredith brought up the need for a mission statement for the OHD committee. Alisa Bonnette added that as a town committee, it should have a mission statement to be in line with other town committees. The committee will work on this issue and try to formulate a mission statement to be voted on at the next meeting.

There was an extensive discussion of OHD sponsored events (parade, dance, and craft fair). All agreed that having two people assigned to each event was VIP. It was agreed that each event and publicity would have sub committees which would give written reports at every meeting to update the entire committee.

Nancy Smith said she would no chair the parade but that Lindsay might. If Lindsay agrees, she would help. Changing the direction of the parade, starting at the lake area and ending at Huse Park as suggested at the August meeting, was thought to be difficult. Nancy agreed to look into possibilities for the parade such as bands, fife and drum corps, Shiners, and Leaping Lenah jumping car). It was agreed to try and get the Kearsage Band again for 2016.

There was extensive discussion of the dance. Everyone loved the Center Town House as a location but it may not be available due to structural issues. Other possible locations for dance suggested were the Stone Mill (at the Museum) and the Community Building. First choice after Center town House would be Stone Mill. Stephanie agreed to chair the dance sub-committee and Lori will co-chair.

It was agreed that the craft fair was a success and an event to build on. Patty will serve as a chair of the craft fair and Meredith will ask Deb Sweetland if she will continue on that committee as a co-chair. It was noted that the K of C did contribute \$50 to the OHD fund with the other half of their profits going to the Museum.

The Enchanted Island an event was mentioned as bring it back. Meredith will talk to Becky about the possibility of working on it. It was also mentioned as a possible event for EVA to sponsor.

The need for more publicity was brought up. It will require a committee. Stripe (EVA Program Manager) has volunteered to work on publicity with the sub-committee. Patty and Stephanie will assist. Alisa will put it publicity notices on the town web site. Nancy mentioned that OHD should be listed in the EVA business directory. Alisa noted that it will also be in the Town Report. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a town email.

Meredith brought up the possibility of purchasing a tent from Nicholson Tents which is closing its business. Shirley will inquire about prices and sizes.

Meredith stated that the Programs/Events Brochures should not be printed in-house. It will be under the Publicity Committee's responsibilities. Competitive bids/quotes will need to be presented to the entire committee. Patty mentioned the art contest that will be held over the winter months. The Publicity Committee will decide on a building or place to be illustrated for the contest. It will be open to all residents of Enfield, including school children. The goal is to highlight a special place in Enfield.

Meredith suggested a possible fund raiser to keep people thinking about OHD throughout the year. It was decided that a table with information and volunteer sign-up would be adequate. Hometown holidays and Small Business Saturdays were suggested as places for an information table.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair