

Old Home Days Committee Minutes

October 7, 2015

The meeting of the Old home Days Committee was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on October 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Those in attendance: Kristin Harrington, Lindsay Smith, Deb Sweetland, Stephanie Hill, Patty Williams, Alisa Bonnette, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The September minutes were approved as written.

There was a brief review of sub-committees/chairs as follows: Dance- Lori Bliss Hill and Stephanie Hill; Craft Fair- Patty Williams and Deb Sweetland; Parade- Lindsay and Nancy Smith; Publicity- Patty Williams, Stephanie Hill, Stripe Demarest; Other Events (coordination of non OHD run events) Meredith Smith and Kristin Harrington.

Meredith proposed that the committee purchase additional banners as had been suggested last year. It was suggested that this be turned over to the PR Committee. All agreed. The issue of where to place banners, where to purchase, and how many will be discussed by the PR Committee and proposed to the full OHD Committee for approval.

Meredith proposed that the committee consider purchasing Keith Nichols 16 X 16 tent which would be a partner to the Museum's 16 X 16 tent. The committee voted to proceed with the tent purchase at a cost of \$125. It will be stored in one of the town's facilities.

Patty Williams and Kristin Harrington presented draft mission statements. Both were excellent. Patty and Kristin will work to combine both draft mission statements into one.

The issue of volunteers to man tables at Small Business Saturday and Hometown Holidays was discussed. Lindsay Smith will create an electronic sign-up sheet and distribute to the committee.

The question of budgets for each event was raised. It was suggested that each event chair propose a budget for their particular event. The individual budgets will then be discussed by the entire committee to determine if it is within the overall OHD budget.

The dance was the "spotlight event" discussed at the October meeting. Alisa Bonnette handed out the engineering report on the Town House which confirmed that it will not be available for the dance due to structural issues. The Stone Mill, Huse Park tent, and Community Building will be the alternative locations. Stephanie will look into other possible musicians for the dance and talk to Dolores Struckhoff, Museum Executive Director, about the use of the Stone Mill.

Alisa reminded the Committee that the Community Building was reserved for both Hometown Holidays and Small Business Saturday for this year but all requests for reserving the building for 2016 should be sent to her as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Craft Fair would be the topic for the November meeting. There will not be a December meeting.

Meredith reported that George and Donna Butler had asked to hold a sing-along of “golden oldies” in the Mary Keane Chapel during Old Home Days. All liked this idea. Meredith also reported that Rebecca Stewart had suggested a “Fashion Through the Ages” fashion show as a possible event. The Committee also liked this idea.

Patty Williams mentioned the art competition and that it would be kicked off in late January or February. Meredith suggested also contacting Chris Morse, Mascoma High School Art Department Head, to raise interest with his students in entering the competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair

Next Meeting- Wednesday November 4th at Whitney Hall, 5:30PM