

Old Home Days Committee Minutes January 6 , 2016

The Old Home Days Committee met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on January 6, 2016 at 5:30 PM. Those present were: Marjorie Carr, Lindsay Smith, Patty Williams, Deb Sweetland, Alisa Bonnette, Lori Bliss, Shirley Green, Dolores Struckhoff. Kati Monmaney, Kristin Harrington, Stephanie Hill, and Meredith Smith. The November minutes were approved as written (no December meeting was held).

The Committee discussed and voted for and approved a mission statement to read: *The mission of the Old Home Days Committee is to organize an annual weekend of events which celebrate our community and honor our heritage.*

Dance: A brief discussion of the dance confirmed the location to be at the Community Building with Jim Hollis providing the music. The Dance Sub-Committee will check with fire department to work out logistics between the barbeque and the dance. Jamie Orr will be asked to provide line dancing instruction at the dance once again. Kristin Harrington volunteered to email Stephanie Jamie Orr's contact information.

Craft Fair: The Craft Fair Sub Committee confirmed that there will not be a vendor fee. However, all vendors will be expected to demonstrate. The Museum will provide the food this year, a departure from the K of C. Kristin Harrington will contact the K of C to see where they might fit in at another venue.

Picnic: Meredith Smith confirmed that there will be a community picnic at the termination of the parade (the old motel site). It was suggested that signage would be helpful to let people know about the picnic. Lori would like to do food again. A suggestion was made that it would be a good idea to have some type of waterfront activity going on at the site during the picnic timeframe. Suggestions included a kayak paddle (or race) and something for the children such as making and sailing a toy boat. It was suggested that we might need a lifeguard if there were waterfront activity. Meredith will talk to Kati Jopek about the possibility of arranging a lifeguard and also, involving the Recreation Department in some way. She will also contact David Beaufait regarding a kayak paddle.

Parade: Lindsay Smith is working on spread sheet of participants for the parade. She would like the Shriners again and estimates a budget of \$1000. Presently, she and Nancy Smith are looking into options for the band with the possibility of the Lyme Town Band which has its own truck.

Publicity: There was a general discussion of publicity. Kati Monmaney provided information about printing magnets and flags at excellent prices. Stephanie will look into these companies. It was agreed that the Committee would purchase 500 refrigerator magnets with Old Home Days logo and information on them at a cost of approximately \$90. Meredith Smith will contact David Beaufait, Town Moderator, about having a table in the hall at Town Meeting to pass out information (including magnets) about Old Home Days.

Logo: the issue of needing a logo arose during the publicity discussion. Dolores Struckhoff suggested that the logo from the 250th celebration be used with some changes such as the wording. All agreed this was a good idea. Dolores will send the art work for that logo to Stephanie.

Budgets and Fundraising: There was a brief discussion of fund raising and the need to keep a balance in the Expendable Trust Fund. Alisa Bonnette will get up to date figures on the balance in the fund from Wendy for our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Due to the Budget Hearing for the town budget, the next meeting of the OHD Committee will be on Feb.10, 2016 instead of February 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Co-chair