

250th Committee Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

In attendance: Jan Allen, Scott Bugbee, Patricia Jenkins, Laura Gund, Frank Reinhold, Annie Gasowski

Approve August 9th minutes: approved with date added

Budget report: Scott provided the updated budget and reported that after planned expenditures in the near future, and continuing souvenir sales we will have an excess of funds. The committee will need to decide what happens to this, in December after our final ceremony.

Website: It was voted on and approved to extend the website for another year, costing \$129. Frank reported that he needed photos in jpeg format and is working with Candace to load those that she has. He also needs more information on the upcoming events.

Follow up report on JubiLee: This was a very successful event. The costume contest exceeded expectations. The food was great, due to the enormous effort by the staff. Because they contributed so much time and labor to the event in order to keep the ticket prices low, it may not be possible to duplicate the event without charging higher prices. A lot of money was made on the bell auction, with lively, entertaining bidding.

Follow up report on Lee Town Fair: The change in venue was very successful, the dinner well attended and the fireworks terrific, if a bit loud. Suggestions were made to be passed on to the fair committee, to be aware of scheduling conflicts and perhaps bring the flag ceremony closer to the pavilion. Could the mast tree be used as a flag pole? That discussion continues. The 250th Booth did well.

What to do with the Mast Tree: 3 suggestions were put forth; cutting the tree into "coins" imprinted with a brand of the Bummer Wheels (this was considered not ideal due to the process and potential for the wood to split once "coined), milling the log into planks which would then be cut and branded, or leaving the log intact (removing the damaged areas) to create a simple "mast/flag pole" for the park. Pat will talk to Don Quigley and get back to the committee via e-mail, through which we will make the decision before weather makes it difficult to act.

Fall Activities: It was decided to bring only a few souvenirs to these events and remind people that they were available at the library.

- a. Tues. Sept. 13...Rebecca Rule at the Grange "NH Town Meetings"
- b. October 6... Rambling Richard...Safety Complex
- c. Nov. 4 & 5...Cartland Program... "Lee History Comes Alive" Jan explained the program and asked that anyone interested contact her for a script.
- d. Lee Remembers II: We decided to change the date to November. Paul, Scott and Candace are working on the format, their goal being more audience interaction and discussion. The event will be promoted using the JubiLee trivia questions as starting points to build interest. We will request a cake (1/2 sheet) from Market Basket.

Time Capsule update: Cary did not attend, but has a lot of material. The capsule and some items are on display in the Safety Complex.

Final Ceremony: The preliminary plan called for a "Decorating the Mast Trees" aspect. Since this was also discussed by other town personnel, it was decided to ask them if they would like to take this on as the first of an annual tradition. Jan will talk to Caren Rossi and Tom Dronsfield about this. This will allow the 250th Committee to focus on the Passport and Image-In-Lee aspects of the plan. Jan will discuss both with Mast Way Staff, and the ORMS &ORHS. It was also decided that a full sheet cake from Market Basket will be requested rather than the cake contest originally planned.

Next meeting October 11, 9 AM

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Submitted by Jan Allen