

250th Committee Meeting Minutes December 8, 2014

Present: L. Gund, P. Jenkins, Mary Woodward, Penny Stetson, Scott Bugbee, Brian Seeley, Annie Gasowski, Marion Kelsey and J. Allen

Minutes of November 10th meeting approved as read.

Annie talked about budget as presented to the ABC, updating the 250th committee on Banner prices and parade traffic control fees. The ABC will suggest that we receive \$10,000, this year, and we can apply for the rest next year. We discussed needing to take a closer look at the budget, firm up numbers where we can, and prioritize spending. Scott later explained that the ABC did not want to tie our hands, and if by March our numbers indicated that we would need more money in 2015, we should present our needs at another budget hearing prior to that. Jan asked when the money would be available and Scott replied that if the budget vote passed in March the money would go into the account on July 1, 2015.

Laura presented updated logos from Amy. She had suggestions from our November meeting and incorporated our ideas into several great designs. The committee chose a banner design and the logo design for t-shirts, bags, hats, etc. There were some minor design changes, and Laura will relay these to Amy, who will hopefully have final designs by our January meeting.

Laura has been in contact with local vendor Laurie Weisz of Nottingham. She told Laura there were many products and options from which to choose, and would be glad to come to a meeting. We asked Laura to invite her to our January meeting with samples, prices and color charts to begin the process.

We began brainstorming potential parade participants and contacts. Several bands were mentioned, as were youth groups, community groups and the like. Karen Rossi has a list of Lee neighborhoods that might be helpful. It was decided that a form letter including the safety rules as laid out by the insurance company, will be sent when a list is complete. A letter will also go out to surrounding towns to see if they would like to participate.

Parade day events. The Lee Fire Chief will be invited to our February meeting to let him know what we are planning, and see if a muster would be appropriate for the afternoon after the parade. We discussed food possibilities at the park as well. There will be a pavilion at the park by then but not sure how many picnic tables will be there. Food vendors are a possibility.

Old Business: marketing website-no new information

Status changes to calendar- no known changes, but Heritage Commission 2015 calendar is out and looks great.

Committee members were asked to look at the budget and set priorities, and to continue thinking of groups who might be interested in the parade.

Next meeting: January 12, 2015, 11am

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Submitted by Jan Allen