

Bristol Bicentennial Committee

January 30, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Janet Cote, Claire Moorhead, Jenne Walker, Al Blakeley, Hilda Bruno, Lucille Keegan, Susan Sodano, Kerry Mattson

Call to Order: Janet Cote called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Minutes Review & Approval: The minutes of 1/23/19 were reviewed. Hilda Bruno moved to accept the minutes. Lucille Keegan second the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Update on Sponsorships
 - a. FNOK is going to be a Legacy Sponsor. We need to get all logos to Claire for the Legacy and Heritage sponsors by Friday. The Hometown Voice will be posting info all year and we will do a big ad in June. Committee members should follow up with any potential sponsors that they have not heard from.
2. Update on Trivia Contest: Kerry will bring in some prizes. At this point we have enough prizes to take us through mid-April. Les will bring in Mud Season Mixer tickets.

New Business

1. Events Update: We will need to work on a seating plan and should set up a walk through with the Homestead to make sure they have the space that they need. The Ice Cream Social needs to be finalized. Linda at Mill Fudge had agreed to provide ice cream and toppings. We need to clarify what we would be paying for and what is to be donated. Claire suggests Janet talk to her about a sponsorship in lieu of payment. We agreed to do the Ice Cream Social at the first concert on 7/11 at the Park. In the event of rain, we will move it to the Old Town Hall.
Block Party/Street Dance: The TTCC will need to decide if they are doing the Block Party/Street Dance. In speaking with Chief McIntire we had narrowed it down to two potential days – 7/20 or 7/27. We discussed seeing if Rotary would like to be involved in this as well. We are looking at shutting down North Main Street from the TTCC to the Tennis Courts. It was suggested we use a DJ. Other suggestions included having an antique car show on the street. It was agreed that July 20th would be the preferred date. Kerry and Les will discuss this with Rotary.

Parade: Les has been in contact with Paul Fraser from the Union Lodge. He would like more information about what they will need to do logistically. This would include soliciting floats, getting the word out and day of coverage. This committee would work on finding bands as well and give them a budget to work with for prizes, etc. We would do the permitting and registrations would be given to the Town Office. Claire suggested that we give all 4th of July parade participants the fliers for the Bicentennial Parade. We will hold the parade at 9 am so that it doesn't break up the whole day of events on the park. We do have the Ulysses Grant presentation and they will be in the parade as well.

Indian Museum: Jenne will follow up on this.

Poetry Contest: The school won't be doing this, but the Library does have poetry nights and Janet will check with Brittany to see if they would be interested in doing something with this. She will also check with Brittany to see if the Library could be the host for the Kick off sponsor event reception.

Other:

- Janet would like to see us get all regular yearly events updated to include on the website. It was suggested that the VFW might be able to put a list of Bristol Veterans together to be shared.
- Hilda brought up the quote from the "Grants" and commented that they do have two other riders they could bring. It was motioned by Janet that we ask the Grants how much more to add the two riders and to agree to add them at a not to exceed cost of \$1500. Seconded by Kerry. Motion passed.

- Claire distributed two versions of shopping bags with pricing. It was agreed that we should get a price for 500 of the bags without a gusset. Price to include shipping and if agreeable we would sell them at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.
- Claire shared a revised pricing with an additional 10% (total 20%) discount from the Pewter company. Since this was already previously approved by the committee and selectmen a request for payment of a 50% deposit as already been submitted to the town.
- Hilda asked if anyone was willing to research grants for historic re-enactors/presentations. Janet will look into it, but feels we may be beyond the window. A question arose as to whether we should get an extra tent to put the Artisans in?
- Question about the status of Franklin Savings Bank and sponsorship. Janet reported that a letter had been received denying the request. Jenne commented that she would look into their grant program and whether Slim Baker might qualify to ask for funds for a bicentennial event.

Motion to adjourn by Kerry, seconded by Al, meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Dion