

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE MINUTES:

DATE: February 17, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Haley Bush Co-Chair, Jim Peck Co-Chair, Audrey Peck, Francine Hart, Michelle Lampron, Julian Kiszka, Bob Carolan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Christina Cruz, Tracy Fuller, Laurie Milette

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT & JOINING TODAY: Barbara Kiszka, Maxann Dobson, Derek Travers (PFD rep)

Also present: Scott Bradstreet (PFD)

Minutes: Francine Hart moved and Barbara Kiszka seconded approval of January 27th. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Theme: Theme ideas were "Back to the Future" or a Nature theme. The theme ideas were posted on the OHD Facebook page to be voted on by the Community with a request to suggest any other themes. (Note- The web site was up and running on January 28th.) The vote was 33 for "back to the Future" vs. 17 for "Forest & Nature". No other ideas were suggested. After some discussion as to how the theme would be applied, it was moved by Barbara Kiszka and seconded by Francine Hart to select "Back to the Future: Our Past & Our Future" as the 2019 OHD theme. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Vendors: Jim reported that he has received 7 vendor applications, all from PayPal, so far, about the same rate as last year. Also, Jim asked Haley to change the email notifications to him from Wendy Bush so he could get all the information as the PayPal email does not include the business name or name of the submitter and whether they want to donate to the raffle.

Parade: Christina was not present to report on progress so far. Haley will check in with her this coming week and report back to the committee. More discussion on moving the parade to 3 PM ensued, which would encourage longer stays on the Town Green and help vendor business. Derek Travers stated that the PFD would lose at least four apparatus if the parade was delayed as they would leave to go to the Middleton parade which is the same afternoon this year. Since we did not yet have input from Christina, we decided to keep the parade at 2 PM this year and investigate moving it to 3 next year as we go about it this year. Francine Hart so moved seconded by Barbara Kiszka and the motion passed 8-0-0.

Raffles: Michelle is drafting a letter to donors to be reviewed by Father Albert at Holy Angels Food Pantry, then sent. We will also put donation buckets in the parade and on the green for the raffle. Francine will check with Greg Colby on how we can deposit these cash donations into an account that will allow expenditure back to the Food Pantry.

Baby Contest: Francine is helping Audrey. The event will again be at 11 AM.

Beard Contest: Jim met with the one sponsor Keith Smith of the Barber Smith. Haley will change the application on the web site to reflect one sponsor. Jim will begin to publicize the event on the Facebook page. The Beard Contest will again be at noon.

Paid Vendors: Trackless Train at \$1,450, Dan's Balloons, Characterist at \$450

Entertainment & Events: Jim reported that the Irish Step Dancers have put our date on their calendar, but have not yet firmly committed.

Cookie Contest: Haley will oversee this again with help from Francine on collecting votes. The event will be more

publicized this year.

Car Show: Bob Carolan requested \$1,500 for a DJ, trophies, banners, refreshments, etc. He has great ideas about getting a better turnout this year. Bob will meet with Jim to see if we can get it down to \$1,000 since it would be a material new expense to add to our budget. It was agreed that any cars wanting to drive in the parade should go to West Pine Street to line up no later than 1:30. Derek will also see if some old fire apparatus could be exhibited at the Car Show. Bob also suggested we get a DeLorean car like from the movie "Back to the Future". The committee loved the idea and the Kiskas will check with someone who has one.

Fireworks: Nothing new.

National Anthem Singer: Haley will search for a young person under 13 to sing the National Anthem before the Road Race at 9 AM.

Souvenir Program: The Plaistow Historical Society (with Jim Peck in charge) will again sponsor the souvenir program and donate all monies for OHD Fireworks. The new theme will be incorporated in the program and advertisers will be encouraged to incorporate the theme in their ads like many did last year. Francine stated that the BOS unanimously approved raising the town's donation level from \$5,000 to \$10,000 so the donation from the PHS will not cause excess paperwork to get approved like last year. She also will pursue setting up a new town expendable trust fund for the 20120 Ballot so all donations can go in there and not to the General Fund as they have to go currently.

Terra Farms Activities: Haley said John & Christine Gifford were thinking over whether they would have activities at their farm at 148 Main Street this year.

Town Table: Maxann suggested a table in the park that would provide information on how citizens can sign up for committees and help the town. The committee loved the idea. Max will work with Francine to flesh out the idea.

By-laws for PHD Committee: Francine asked if the committee had a charter. Haley said there were some by-laws and she would find them and bring them to the next meeting for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: March 31, 2019 6 PM

Meeting adjourned 7: 10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Peck, Co-Chair and interim Secretary in Laurie Milette's absence