

300th Anniversary Celebration

Approved Minutes 19 December 2018

Chairman Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, with following additional members: Chris Hadik, Rhonda Lamphere, & Ed Stuart. Others in attendance: Steph Landau (BOS) and Sue Reiter (graphic designer).

1. MINUTES OF 10/17/18 MEETING - No action needed; **Chris Hadik made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; Rhonda Lamphere seconded the motion; all in favor.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - Rhonda reported an approximate balance of \$27,372.00. We've spent about \$3,105.00 for T-shirts, hats, banners, graphics work, and copies this past year. At the Town Fair we took in \$310.00; made \$195.00 at booth during Christmas in the Village. Rhonda, Ed and Chris had opportunity that day to speak with a lot of people about upcoming celebration in 2021-2022 and handing out surveys in hopes of getting volunteers and to plan more events. Chris is compiling the results of the surveys collected so far and will report at the next meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS - Sue Reiter talked about the coins and the changes made in our first revision. Some changes were still not to the Committees' liking, such as the water at Wason bridge and making the cannon look like it's connected, and remind them we want a 2" antique brass coin, not a 1-1/2" coin. Sue will let the coin company know about these further changes. The coin company does not own the design and will have the statement on form removed about that. Sue made a suggestion for another item that might be a good seller - round rubber lid removers with the coin design on them.

4. NEW BUSINESS - Rhonda reported that she made some updated changes to the Town website so our information is current. Debra Doda at the Town Office manages the website right now. Rhonda asked her about having an e-mail address for the 300th Committee. We still need to find someone to manage the site and keep it updated. Ed Stuart said he might be willing to do this as long as it didn't involve having to set up a whole new site. He would be willing to maintain an established site. Rhonda said he would have to go through Deb Doda, so Ed will be in contact with Deb soon regarding having access to the website. As Rhonda also stated, we need a couple more active committee members who could come to us with some useful skills and be able to attend meetings.

Jean stated again that we need to get a list of Committees drawn up and get some things on the calendar. Chris will have a tally of possible committees and names of people interested in helping by the next meeting for the Committee to go over and try to set up Chairpersons.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - Chris brought up the idea of having a special ceremony, etc. on the actual day of Chester's 300th anniversary of incorporation (Sunday, May 8, 2022) - have speakers and

other dignitaries, possibly a luncheon or banquet; reading of proclamations. Members thought this was a great idea with so many other things going on during the celebration year.

The pageant was discussed briefly - Kathy LeClair is still willing to help with this, but it probably won't be happening until we get closer to the actual date. It would be a good event to have during winter months at Stevens Hall when people would be inside anyway. Chris knows some people interested in participating in the pageant. Jean Methot has spoken with Lynn Rockwell and hoping we might be able to get her to be a narrator for the pageant. We'll be needing volunteers to paint background scenery, etc. also. At some point we'd like to have Kathy come to one of our meetings to discuss the play.

Rhonda and Chris briefly discussed the parade, specifically their concerns for where and how we can get people to be along the entire parade route, not just in the town center and along Rte 102.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY ~ JANUARY 16, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM

Chris Hadik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ed Stuart seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary