

**300th Anniversary Celebration
18 September 2019
Approved Minutes**

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order on Wed., Sept. 18, 2019, at 7:05 PM

Executive members present: Rhonda Lamphere, Ed Stuart, Nancy Jolin, Chris Hadik, Sue Rieter.

Secretary's Minutes: Rhonda Lamphere pointed out two corrections to be made in the minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting. After discussion, Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Ed Stuart seconded the motion; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coins - Jean Methot stated that \$1,000.00 had been deposited for sale of coins. Bittersweet Blessings had sold \$880.00 worth for us. We might need to order more with sales going well.

Ed reported that 10 light gray hats, 4 dark blue, 6 red, and 11 khaki hats have been sold. We had ordered 100 originally so still have a good supply. We also have plenty of shirts in supply.

Ed will speak with Michelle Hatch of Bittersweet Blessings to see if she would be willing to sell some shirts and hats for us. Rhonda also mentioned how we might have done better in sales at the recent Chester Fair if we took credit cards. We'll be looking into getting a "square" for this purpose.

Spring Hill Farm event - Oct. 5th - it was decided not to participate in this event and put our efforts into other events. It was also decided not to participate in the Legion's holiday fair in November. Discussion followed about having a table at Stevens Hall the weekend of "Christmas in the Village". A table could be put up across from the historical society's museum which will be open that day. With people coming in for the "Cookie Walk" and the "Loaf and Ladle" we could catch a lot of people. We'll have some items for sale, but the main focus that day will be to talk with people about the upcoming 300th. Set up would be about 8:30 (Sat., Dec. 7, 2019) and would end at 2:00 PM.

Other items to sell were discussed by the Committee, such as mugs and ornaments. Sue brought in a mug to show that's similar to one she found on-line and that Ed had looked at. The group liked the mugs and Chris Hadik made a motion to give Ed and Sue permission to order 36 of the 12 oz. two-tone latte mug (\$6.28 + a \$59.00 charge for set-up), not to exceed \$500.00. Nancy Jolin seconded the motion; all in favor. Ed and Sue can decide on the color of the mug (black outside, blue inside).

We received 5-6 brass ornaments (flat, cut-out designs) from a company and everyone liked them more than the round ball ornaments. Sue will contact the company for prices and see if we can get a sample of one we'd like to have by the next meeting in October. Sue will talk with them about the artwork we'd like to use. It was discussed about having a different ornament for each of the years (2019 through 2022) til the 300th celebration. We would probably have to order a minimum of 100. All like the idea of having one of the church/steeple (meetinghouse) on the first one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar of Events - Rhonda handed out extra copies of her organization chart of events she had made up and much discussion was held about the events listed. Dates and names were filled in with people we know will handle an event and the date chosen. Also a 300th Executive Committee liaison was added to several of the events.

Rhonda mentioned the possibility of having the Committee march (or on a float) in the parade of 2021 with our banner.

Sue Rieter said she'd like to have a BBQ with music under a tent, possibly in July 2022, and maybe tie it in with a car show the same day. We would need to sell tickets in order to keep track of the number of people to expect, for planning food. The Boy Scouts have a large tent we could probably borrow for that day.

Jean mentioned that Kathy Leclair said she will not be available to help with the historical play/pageant, but Jean knows someone who might be willing to take it over. He has already spoken with someone who is willing to do scenery/background for this event. This will probably be scheduled for October of 2021. Ed Stuart will speak with Beth Swanson and Maria Veale again about plans for a race. He'll also be in touch with Kevin and Kiki Branley about putting together a car show. Ed also said he would work on the beard contest, possibly to tie in with Chester fair in Sept. 2022.

Program Booklet - Sue and Jean have been working on the booklet and he has gotten a couple of ads so far. We need to get people interested who would like to put a photo of their "old/older" home with a brief description of it in the booklet. Pricing for the booklet was discussed and most felt \$5.00 was a reasonable fee - hoping people would be more apt to hold onto the booklet if they paid money for it, rather than throw it away.

We'll need to put something in the Tri-Town News asking for volunteers for various events planned. Sue will make up a poster listing the events needing help to display at the Dec. 7th event at Stevens Memorial Hall. Hopefully we'll get some interest that day. Jean asked Nancy Jolin to make a list of various places we could advertise - local papers, TV, etc. -and bring it to the October meeting.

Event Fundraiser - Jean has spoken with Debra Paul, Tri-Town News editor, who wants to come to our October meeting to discuss fundraising.

Other new business - Rhonda brought up the idea that the Executive Committee members should have ID badges to show that they represent the Chester 300th Celebration committee when approaching businesses or the public regarding things for the event. All thought it was a very good idea. Rhonda will check this out with the Police Dept.

NEXT MEETING: Wed., Oct. 16, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Ed Stuart made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nancy Jolin seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Pepper, Secretary