

MINUTES of 300th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE 9/20/17

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Wed., September 20, 2017 in TV room of Chester Town Offices. Present: Jean Methot, Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik, Ed Stuart, Judy Pepper.

MINUTES: A motion by Rhonda Lamphere to accept the Minutes from the meeting of July 19, 2017 was made; seconded by Ed Stuart; approved by all.

LOGO CONTEST: Jean reported that only one entry has been received thus far for the contest. At least one class of students at Chester Academy is interested in entering the contest. Art classes at the Academy run throughout the school year, making it difficult for individual classes to enter if they don't have Art in their courses til later in the year, after the due date. It was suggested that something be put in the school newspaper letting the students and parents know the contest is open and ends in December so that they could design entries on their own and get them in before the end of December 2017.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Chris Hadik will report on at a later meeting.

PARADE: Rhonda said she and Chris have nothing to report at this time.

PLAY SCRIPT: Jean Methot said he needs to bring the script up-to-date and get information from Ed Karjala. The play will cover the history of Chester from past to present.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jean spoke with Buddy Menard of Chester Rod & Gun Club about what they might like to do for the 300th celebration. Perhaps have participants in colonial garb and have a shoot-off. The Gun Club would, of course, keep the receipts from the entry fees of this event. We need to know if they want to have this type of event so we can add them to our list of actual planned events/participants. Perhaps they could team up with the American Legion Post #108 and their Junior Shooters for events around May/June 2022.

Rhonda mentioned that the American Legion would probably be planning their "annual" spaghetti dinner/dinner dance again for this February. If they continue with this "tradition", possibly they could plan one for the year of the 300th celebration as well. This is usually held in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Ed Stuart suggested the possibility of having a "Chili Cook-off" for the 300th as one of the "indoor" events during the 300th. The Academy has done these in the past - perhaps we could open it to the public, working around "basketball season" to have it in the MPR.

Jean talked about the Historical Society possibly running a scarecrow contest in October 2021, kicking off the anniversary celebration, having people purchase tickets to "VOTE" for the best, most creative, etc., possibly asking participants to design their scarecrows with more of an historical theme for that year, and awarding prizes to the winners of each category.

Chris Hadik brought up the need for our Committee to make contact with the clubs/groups around town to see who wants to participate and if they have ideas yet of what they would like to do. We could invite them to come to our meetings, or contact members, if they need help with ideas or "start-up" money.

The idea of having an "Antique Car Show" was discussed -- the biggest challenge with this idea is where to hold it so there would be ample parking for the participants AND the spectators. We need to search for someone who might be interested in running an event like this.

It was mentioned that Lynne Fossett(?) does geo-caching which would be a great event for children to participate in for the 300th. She has a lot of experience with this kind of event. We could possibly offer a 300th silver coin as the "big" prize at the end. Rhonda said she will speak with Lynne about coming to one of our meetings to discuss this with the group and see if she would like to be in charge of it. Wason Pond would be an ideal location to have this event.

Ed Stuart mentioned that he would like to see event(s) focusing on "interesting" events of the past in Chester - little-known "stories" about things that happened in and around Chester in years past. Jean said there will be "recordings" of many of our historical homes and interviews with their occupants. This will be another one of the projects of the Historical Society for the celebration year.

Daffodil sale - Jean has received many orders for daffodils over the past few weeks and the order will be submitted to the company by the end of September. After receipt of the 50 pound bags of bulbs, we will be in need of many volunteers to help sort them into smaller bags of 20 bulbs each to give out to the purchasers.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM; seconded by Ed Stuart; all approved.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pepper
Secretary