

MINUTES

SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM

ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS

6:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Cindy Wright, Keith Siegel, Martha Johnston-Nash (Select Board Rep), Argy Nestor, Sonja Burns, and Ruth Ann Senff-Wiemer

1. Call Meeting to Order: at 6:00 p.m. by Argy Nestor

2. Approve June 3, 2024 minutes:

Motion by: Keith Siegel

2nd by: Sonja Burns

4-0-1 abstention (Wright)

3. Update on the following:

Signups for volunteers

Argy said, re: email list, they will try to send out a reminder every Saturday morning with a different twist. Last Saturday they received a handful of signups as soon as they sent it out. They're coming in really well.

She said Ashley needs volunteers for the kids' activities, which the system allows us to put in. She said let her know of any needs for volunteers, which we can communicate to Holly to add to the system.

Voting day, June 11

Keith said he was there for the first four hours. He was surprised a couple people were not aware, but most were very aware and very excited. He sold \$300 of merchandise.

Cindy said she had \$275, and it was consistent. People were pleased about the online options. She added it was fun overlapping with Keith and Sonja.

Ruth Ann arrived.

Sonja said she had fun and sold the rest of the hats, quite a few t-shirts, and probably five coins.

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Argy said the new coins are in. They look different enough that people might want to buy one of each.

Brief discussion about how many hats, coins, and t-shirts were available and sold.

In answer to Argy, Ruth Ann said more people signed up for the newsletter.

Martha said she thought she gave Bruce \$900 and something for the t-shirts and hats. She said she inventories it afterward. The sale of goods has the event date and, if different shifts, the name for the shift and what each person sold. Argy asked for a sheet as she will be at the new Farmers Market on Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. if anyone wants to help. Cindy said she may be able to help and confirmed the person who helped run the old will be there on Friday.

UHS storytelling, Old Town House, June 12, 2024

Martha said she sold a t-shirt and three or four coins. Argy confirmed there were new people there but not a lot of people.

Argy said the Bicentennial film will be shown in the summer, and all of the films will hopefully be put online.

In answer to Ruth Ann re: vets, Martha said one gentleman signed up at the Old Town House, a graduate of the high school.

Ruth Ann said the float has room for 19 or 20 vets. We have six. She thought the American Legion was planning on marching, but they are just going to be a color guard, which might be nice to lead that float.

Argy said a week from Friday she will be at a pop-up at the Common Market. She will have the sign re: vets that is in Ruth Ann's car. Martha confirmed Janice will do that with Argy.

Brief discussion about getting more vets.

Waldoboro parade, June 15

Argy said Sonja, Henry, and Amanda were there.

Sonja said Tracy, her husband, Ashley, and Ashley's twins were there as well as the Blueberry Princess who didn't have a ride so rode on the float. Argy added her sign went on the truck. In answer to Martha, Argy said the Moxie sign on the gazebo was from the play as well as Moxie cans strung together.

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Thomaston parade, July 4

Argy confirmed Ruth Ann is helping, and Tracy is thinking of a theme.

Online store

Martha will call tomorrow to see how things are going and check on our order. Argy said she has been able to get on the store via phone but not laptop. Sonja said it worked for her though she was confused about how to get the merchandise. Martha said they should notify you when you put in your contact info, noting they order the piece right away.

Cindy brought up selling totes and/or noting we have other things to sell online when at pop-ups, etc.

Martha said the online store will let you know when the order is done. You can choose to pick it up in Rockland or on the Camden Rockport town line where the original store is. They can also arrange shipping for an extra charge, which you would pay for when you order. If people can't get there to pick their orders up, Martha said let her know and she will pick them up next time she is down that way.

Martha also said she will print out what's basically the store, which Cindy reiterated would be helpful. There are additional t-shirt and hat options. Martha will also get the information to Argy electronically.

Martha brought up color of the t-shirts for the volunteers that will stand out and be unique. Yellow was suggested. She would also like to do a different color for committee members. She will email everyone the list of colors for feedback. Neon colors were brought up.

Coin sales

Argy reiterated the new coins are here.

Book

Argy said the book is at the printer's. Tracy sent it last week. Tracy and she went down to look at the proof, made a couple of changes, and it will be ready in a couple of weeks. It looks very cool. She asked for opinions on the cost of the book, noting she favored it being affordable. Martha suggested keeping the price as low as possible through the event, then the historical society can put a different price on it after if they choose. Argy said the books are paper, nice heavy stock cover, good quality pages, about 54 pages, all black and white. She did not know the printing cost and reminded we had a sponsor for it. Cindy suggested at cost. Martha liked taking the cost and just rounding it up.

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Stuffies

Argy brought up a price for the stuffies. Ruth Ann said it would be nice to keep them affordable noting everything had been donated/volunteer. She will check the basket at the library tomorrow to see if there are any there.

Ruth Ann said she was thinking \$2 or \$3, Argy \$4 or \$5, \$5 being easier with change. Cindy concurred with \$5 and anything over as a donation. She suggested thinking about a scholarship fund for, for example, giving a family a free extra t-shirt. Martha brought up having the stuffies as something the kids could buy, even if supported by something else, keeping the price as low as possible.

Argy mentioned we need to say one per child, and also perhaps the child needs to be present. Cindy noted free stuff disappears fast. The \$5 price had a consensus. Cindy suggested must be under 10 to purchase. Argy suggested saving some for Saturday and Sunday.

Ruth Ann said the (bluebird) stuffies are little, crocheted, and 10 people are making them. She is doing some sewing.

Cindy suggested having the Blueberry Princess or a committee member, perhaps Ruth Ann, going around with a basket full of stuffies just passing them out to the children.

Argy suggested Ruth Ann gets to decide.

4. Other:

Argy said The Cornhole Connection business has closed. We have sponsors for it, Maine State Credit Union; Jason Hilt has a position there. Kathy Lunt from Mic Mac has stepped up and will run the cornhole on the same date, same time, same format.

Argy said the time capsule fabrication should be complete at the end of this week. Union Farm Equipment will display the time capsule for people to stop in and admire it. Dates TBD as soon as we have them. Argy said these are Tracy's updates.

In answer to Argy, Cindy said re: press releases, she and Keith were focused on Corporal Cobb and will do one on the time capsule when they get all the information. They were not doing the musical one due to details up in the air. Argy suggested letting the Corporal Cobb one fly, giving Tracy another week to get the time capsule information.

Argy reviewed what Corporal Cobb is: the organization that has been working with us and doing research on all of the Civil War soldiers from Union. They found 168 when we thought there were 15 or so. They will be set up that weekend with a database where people can come look things up. She does not know if their research includes Appleton. They have done a lot of work.

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Argy said also from Tracy, the historical society is almost done with the walking tour script. Last week they showed the November storytelling movie. The bus tour is done; tickets will be on sale soon. They have created a list of volunteers needed for these events which will go online.

Cindy said the walking tour is 9:00 am. to 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday as well as 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The bus tour is 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Argy noted in the past couple of years they have offered it in the fall due to high temperatures.

Argy said Sally Moore is 81 years old, and Jody Wentworth, 76, is the youngest of six.

Ruth Ann said Shift Wood Fired is available. They offer salad wraps and bowls, pizza, smoothies, etc. She thought the fairgrounds might be better for them to not infringe on Common House of Pizza. Argy thought we'd need them on the Common because people won't be at the fairgrounds until 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Argy said the newest schedule says "6/4" on it.

Argy said Enter the Haggis is most likely going to be on the Common on Friday, a change that goes to the select board tomorrow night. After brief discussion with Ruth Ann, she said she thought the food needs to be revisited after that meeting. Saturday will be our big day. Argy mentioned having Shift do options other than pizza.

Keith asked for extra posters, which Argy said are probably in her car. She added don't be afraid to put posters in places that aren't on the list.

In answer to Argy, Keith said they gave out some wooden nickels on Tuesday. Sonja said they did not give out any at the parade. Argy said we have about 100 left, and the goal is to give them all out by July so they can be used for the raffle, which has a lot of wonderful things. Donna is doing a great job and also going after a bike for kids.

5. Details:

Road closures and Enter the Haggis on Select Board meeting, June 18 – Above.

Opening and closing ceremony, mic systems (needed where/when?)

Argy said Martha suggested this be on the agenda. Ruth Ann said a mic system is not needed at the fairgrounds for the sheep. Argy said we will go through the schedule and determine where we need it. We will use the Chamber's which she talked about with Rachael.

Argy also said at this point we know what's in the opening and closing ceremonies. There will not be an opening on Saturday.

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In answer to Martha, Argy said we have an ask out about the MC noting we have asked the select board to determine what they're going to take a role in before we do that piece. Adam is on the list to be MC as the select board chair. Martha confirmed they vote for a new chair tomorrow. Argy asked for suggestions. Don Kleiner and Ron Hawes were mentioned. Argy noted the MC is needed Friday and Sunday for the opening and closing ceremonies. Argy suggested considering a woman. Argy was suggested. They will vote.

Ruth Ann said they are doing the parade lineup meeting this Sunday, June 23, at 9:00 a.m. outside at the TCC. She confirmed Charlie Crockett was wanted there. She will let Bob Oxton know.

Ruth Ann said she still needs a small trailer to hold the Down East Brass Quintet and would like that to go out on Facebook.

Argy said Sharon Caron told her antique auction items are not coming in very quickly. She asked that it be posted again, and they would take also take new clean items, gently used said Martha.

Also for Facebook, Argy said we need plastic gallon containers with lids for the raffle. They will be in front of the baskets for tickets. Approximately eight are needed. Cindy said she might be able to find the containers. Argy checked with the school (none), and Four Corners (does not use them rapidly but will save what they have). Ruth Ann will check out John's Ice Cream.

6. Future meetings: June 24, July 1, July 8 (walk through script for S weekend), July 10 (tabletop meeting with emergency personnel and S committee), July 15 (perhaps another day this week):

Argy said the July 8 meeting may go longer. We will go through every single thing. That and the tabletop meeting are mandatory. The tabletop meeting concerns emergency management. Tracy also suggested to Jesse that there be a training in case there are people in our community interested in helping to be part of that crew for the three days, and maybe long term for a long term positive impact on our community. Ruth Ann said great idea and suggested putting it on Facebook. Argy awaits word from Jesse on this training.

Other

Cindy brought up a six-part trifold brochure/pocket guide she is working on – who and what will be where – with a map and descriptions of all the cool things. It will be a souvenir at the end. She is working on it with Holly. Argy added it will be free.

Sonja asked about an information booth. Argy said we will have one where people will check in and where the first aid station will be.

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Argy confirmed we will have four porta potties on the Common, two past the Civil War monument to the left on Pat Cosgrove's lawn and next to it a trailer holding the tables and chairs overnight, and two porta potties up against the post office – one handicap, one regular. There will be handicap parking. Behind the bank will be parking for volunteers. There will also be parking for committee members.

Cindy said she will have 25 road signs on Friday. Re: sponsor signs, she asked about a cut-off date for sponsors as they will need about a week turnaround. It may be tricky accepting sponsors until July 15.

Argy said she made a list of signs and where they're going to go. All the wire has been donated. We have a couple who will put all the signs up, but she added it's a little unfair to expect two people to do that. Her list groups the signs by location. She passed the list around and said we have to plant them and also go get them. On the back of each one has to be an email address and a date, as they cannot be out on state roads for more than 30 days. They should be up by next Tuesday. At Monday's meeting we will confirm who will put them where by area. Argy noted one is going across from the Pour Farm.

Argy said the wires are from CARMA so we have to get them back. They would cost \$3 a piece. The signs were \$10 a piece. Argy urged everyone to consider the sign placement list.

Tracy update via email (not previously mentioned by Argy):

Donation of items for the time capsule can be dropped off at the historical society.

The float looked great for the Waldoboro Day parade. Mike shared a lot of people were excited to see the Moxie banner and decorations.

Ashley update via email:

I have confirmed two face painters for Friday evening events. One is volunteering her services, and one is charging \$150.

I am finalizing the items needed for kids' activities tomorrow evening with Jane and Stuart, and we will have a list of things to purchase by tomorrow evening.

I have one volunteer for kids' activities already.

Sonja update via email:

I have posted all the posters I said I would except for at the Strand theater. I tried but they are not there a lot. I volunteered at the Union polls for three hours in the afternoon. Sold quite a bit. It was fun. Helping out at the Waldoboro parade. Should be fun. Sent a photo of Esther Farmer to Argy. Think I have a volunteer.

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7. Next meeting: June 24, 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn: at 7:11 p.m.

Motion by: Keith Siegel

2nd by: Cindy Wright

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary