

**Old Home Week 2020 Committee
Old School Community Room
Wilmington, Vermont**

August 1, 2019

Present: Nicki Steel, D. J. Boyd, Carol Bogard, Mary Towne, Julie Moore and Carl Swanson
Also present: Stacie Brooks, Denise Childs and Jim Dassatti

The meeting was called to order by Nicki at 7:07 P.M.

Nicki introduced Denise Childs and welcomed her. She will be taking Heidi Taylor's place on the core committee.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Nicki and seconded by D.J. to approve the minutes from the July 11 meeting with one correction: Page 2 under "Tasks to be done" Julie was looking into water bottles but not calendars. Motion passed 7-0

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that there had been no changes this month in either the checking or savings account balances. Nicki said that she had a 61-cent bill from the Post Office for one of the letters in the mass mailing. She suggested that Mary give Denise \$5 as petty cash to use when necessary for small expenses at the Post Office since Denise has agreed to check the mail box regularly.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: D.J. reported that July 11 hand-out of decals at the celebration on the field went well – people seemed interested and that the information attached to the hand-out helped a lot.

Tent information – DJ reported that he had talked with Amy from the Fair Committee and they are interested in sharing the expense of a tent with us. They use Paul Redeker Rental Company from New Hampshire and are very happy with them.

Parade Update – Jim Dassatti reported that he has had responses from five bands plus Living History re-enactors. He wanted to confirm that we are willing to feed the @200 band members after the parade. After some discussion a motion was made by DJ and seconded by Julie that we provide each member with a ticket to get a hot dog, chips and water after the parade. Motion passed 7-0.

Nicki mentioned that Bonnie Lormier had volunteered to contact local groups to encourage representation in the parade and he might want to check with her to see who she has contacted to date. Nicki also said that the Wings kids might do something after the parade on the field.

Discussion followed regarding the Living History Association re-enactors group. Jim said that they are not able to use Howe's Field in 2020 and he would like to use the area in back of the Dollar Store. It was felt that he should contact the owner of that property, since that would be a separate activity from OHW.

Nicki felt that there should be a group meeting with representatives from the Old School Enrichment Center, the Fair Assoc., the Kid's Soccer Camp program (Buddy and Cindy), the Old Home Week and the Living History Assoc. to be sure everyone knows exactly what will take place in 2020 and the dates and the areas to be used. She will try to arrange one soon.

Memorabilia Reports/Discussion

Julie reported that Karen is willing to do something in stained glass and asked if the Historical Society had any more of the old windows that she could use. Julie thought that there were a few left in the barn.

Julie also reported on a stainless-steel water bottle with a wood top \$6.43 and one from Brown and Roberts – cold only at 12.99

She also said that Julie Chase was interested in doing some kind of a bracelet with a charm for OHW 2020

Carol reported on the wooden ornaments that could be done at Maple Landmark

Nicki –was unable to get specific information on glasses for tonight's meeting but she did have samples of 3 glasses that she has purchased at wineries in Michigan. Most in the group preferred the stemless ones.

Nicki had also inquired about a calendar but has not found anyone interested in taking on that task.

Stacie had a detailed report with a spread sheet on costs on the small items that she had researched – baseball caps, tote bags, key chain, cozies, cozies with bottle opener, cell phone cover/knob, glow-in-the-dark freebie, water bottles

She had also talked with Jessica Cronin regarding T-shirts and had a sample of our logo on a gray t-shirt.

It was decided that we will definitely do t-shirts and that we will use Jessica at Cronin Creations in Dover. The Committee gave Stacie permission to make some decisions as she works with Jessica.

After hearing everyone's report, Nicki suggested that between now and the September meeting we each pick out and rank the top 3 or 4 things, other than t-shirts, that we would like to see us sell/auction.

A motion was made by D.J. and seconded by Denise that we definitely have a silent auction of premium items, specifics to be decided at a later date. Motion passed 7-0

Stacie will talk more to Jessica and will try to get a more colorful shirt with the OHW logo for our display at the Farmer's Day Fair.

New Business: P.O. Box key - Nicki gave Denise a key and she will check the P.O. Box regularly. She will let Mary, who also has a key, know if there are any bills in the box.

Displays at Farmers' Day – Carol has volunteered to put the display up on Thurs, Aug. 8 and take it down on Sunday, Aug. 11.

Blueberry Block Party – There will be decals and info at the St. Mary’s Booth and DJ will be around passing them out also.

Developing a budget – Nicki expressed concern about developing a budget, especially if there appears to be a need to return to the Town Select Board and ask for more money. Stacie has volunteered to help. It was decided that Mary, Stacie and Nicki will meet and try to work on a budget. Nicki asked Jim if he could put together a budget for the parade including the groups that have already committed as well as an additional one or two groups that he would like to include.

Jim agreed to get that information to Nicki.

Julie reported that she has been in contact with Spencer Crispe from the Trail’s Committee and has invited him to come to the September meeting.

Nicki is still trying to connect with the Rotary – She would like to see if they will do a pancake breakfast on Sunday August 2, 2020

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The Community Partnership had a wonderful family night on Thursday as part of the Blueberry Festival. Nicki has talked to them about doing it on Thursday, July 30, 2020 as it would be a great addition to our schedule

Next meeting: September 5, 2019

Tasks to be done:

Mary will give Denise \$5 to use for bills incurred at the Post Office

Nicki will try to arrange a meeting with OSEC, Fair Committee, Kid’s Soccer Camp (Buddy & Cindy), OHW and Living History Association so everyone knows what is happening and when

Stacie will get a t-shirt for the fair display

Carol will put up and take down OHW display at Fair.

Jim will provide a budget for parade

Nicki will continue to try and get on the Rotary meeting agenda

Being there no further business meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bogard, Secretary

