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FaceBook: Wilmington Old Home Week 2020

Attendees: Committee Members: Nicki Steel, DJ Boyd, Mary Genella, Barker Willard, III, Julie Moore, and Deb Boyd. Guests: Jim Dassatti and Gretchen Havreluk

Nicki called the 9/16/21 OHW committee meeting to order at 7:15 PM, once a quorum was present. Those present prior to 7:15 discussed OHW in general, but no actions were taken.

Mary said there is currently \$4177.15 in our checking account and \$20,053.00 in our savings account. There are, however, a \$40 deposit from Carl Swanson that is forthcoming, along with an \$1000 donation from Brattleboro Savings & Loan. It appears the t-shirt and memorabilia sales totaled approximately \$8100+, the chicken BBQ netted approximately \$1000+ and the Silent Auction made just under \$3000. Mary will prepare an event expenditures spreadsheet and will forward it to all Committee members. Nicki said that due in large part Monique White's fundraising efforts, we'll be able to return a good portion of the monies the Town gave us to host the OHW event. Once the accounting has been completed and all deposits/outstanding checks processed, our bank accounts will be closed.

We have been invited to attend the 10/19 SelectBoard meeting to give feedback on the OHW event. An overview of the celebration and our expenditures' spreadsheet will be shared with the SelectBoard at that time, and we will return the remaining monies in our OHW bank accounts, to the Town.

Comments we heard/have regarding this year's OHW event:

Kudos:

- The whole event ran very smoothly
- People had fun and enjoyed it!
- "Locals" were not the only ones who participated in the events--lots of second homeowners and visitors to the Valley did too
- People appreciated the opportunity to host family/class reunions throughout the 4 day event
- The bonfire at Adams Farm was well attended and a great way to "kick off" the OHW celebration
- The "After Party" at the Old Red Mill was well attended, and folks enjoyed Cliff's Trivia Game

Suggestions:

- Increase the amount of chicken BBQ dinners available for sale
- Have an event(s) after the chicken BBQ
- Have an alumni event open to all WHS/TVMH alumna (so that all classes can meet in one location)
- Have an event at the lake (it was hot and the weather was perfect for an afternoon at the lake!)

Concerns:

- The number of older Wilmingtonians participating in the OHW events was very limited. Whether this was due to folks' demographics (age, health, mobility, location) or concerns

regarding COVID, we're not sure

- Will the public be interested in OHW in 8 years, and if so, what will it look like?

Prior to this meeting approximately 50 extra totes were given to TVES to be given to students. All of the glasses were sold. A few extra totes and various sized children's t-shirts were given to those present at the meeting who wanted them. The remaining children's t-shirts will be donated to Twice Blessed.

The following expenditures were approved to be paid:

\$620 to the Living History Association for its participation in the parade and Jim's expenditures for same [Motion made by Barker, seconded by DJ and all approved]

\$1000 to the Old School Enrichment Center for its support in allowing us to use its facilities and dumpster [Motion made by Barker, seconded by Julie and all approved]

\$1000 to the Wilmington Historical Society for its support of OHW [Motion made by Mary, seconded by Nicki; 5 approved and Julie abstained]

Nicki noted that she will be submitting an invoice for printing photos for our photo album

The following tasks are to be completed:

--Close out our mailbox at the end of its rental cycle—Mary

—Close out our bank accounts when they are no longer needed—Mary

--Take screenshots of each page of our OHW website and print off pages for our OHW file--Mary (the website will expire on its own in December, so no one will need to actively cancel it)

--Print photographs for the OHW scrap book--Nicki (she will also forward the photographs, newspaper articles and related documentation to Carol Bogard to put the scrap book together). The completed scrap book will be housed at the Historical Society.

--Review and deliver the official OHW files and information albums to the Town Office--Nicki

--Contact Cliff Duncan to see if Duncan Cable's video of the parade will be available for sale to the public—Deb

—Ensure the large OHW banner is returned to the Town Office—Barker [OHW banner used at the front of the parade has already been stored in the 3rd floor of the Town Office]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Boyd, Acting Secretary

Old Home Week Committee: Nicki Steel-Chair, DJ Boyd-Vice Chair, Scott Olmstead-Secretary, Mary Genella-Treasurer; At-Large Members: Deb Boyd, Stacie Brooks, Julie Crafts, Carl Swanson and Barker Willard, III