

## December 11, 2019 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Meeting Minutes

The last planning meeting of the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration was held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2019 at the Meeting House on Four Corners Rd. In attendance were: Leigh and Happy Callaway, Pixie and Don Hill, Poul Heilmann, Jim and Cune Bednar, Donna Tibbetts, Janet Lebrecht, Trudy Heath, Angela MacCreighton, Maryanne Petrin, Bill Sullivan, Dick Hendl and Andy D'Amico.

Don Hill, started the meeting saying that it was incredible to think that the last planning session of the celebration had arrived and that it was impossible to thank everybody for the job they had done over the past two years. He asked for a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the Nov. 13, 2019 Meeting. Leigh Callaway made a motion, Poul Heilmann seconded the motion and they were accepted unanimously.

A review of recent events occurred next. The Thanksgiving Service in the upstairs of the Meeting House was a very special service attended by about 24 people. The weather contributed greatly to the low attendance (about 6" of heavy snow), but it certainly punctuated the evening, making it all the more festive and special. The newly refurbished and repaired 1800's pump organ, played by Liz D'Amico sounded great and the baroque music by Jean Twombly and Peter Tourin was an added bonus. The Christmas Craft Fair and Wreath Sale netted over \$1000 dollars for the 250<sup>th</sup>. The Food table did very well, as did merchandise and greenery centerpieces made by Jim Bednar and donated to the event total.

Leigh Callaway gave a treasury update. To date \$108, 930.55 has been raised by the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Presently in the bank there is \$74,316.18. All invoices have been paid with the exception of the structural engineer's invoice and a new invoice for drawings from Banwell Architects. Richard Petrin performed an audit on the treasurer's books on Dec. 11, 2019. His report will be sent to Leigh Callaway, but all looked in order. Discussion followed about the total amount it was going to cost for the lift and installation, but without numbers from the installer, it was hard to determine where we stand. Will there be enough to provide a generator as well? Don reiterated that there will most likely be no money "left over" for the town to do with what they want, but as soon as we have final installation quotes, expense quotes and generator quotes we will know it we have to put out a final call for donations. Trudy Heath made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Donna Tibbetts seconded and it was unanimously accepted.

The Time Capsule update was prepared by Leigh Callaway. The closing of the capsule will now take place on Dec. 31, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Meeting House. All items to be included will be picked up at the Library on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Poul Heilmann stated that it was suggested to him that music should be included in the capsule. People thought that was a good idea, CD's will be entered. THE TIME CAPSULE FROM THE 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION WILL BE PLACED IN THE POLICE STATION FOR OPENING IN 2069.

The Christmas tree lighting, Bell Ringing Choir and Caroling event was next on the agenda. The Bell Ringing will begin at 4 p.m., Santa will arrive by fire truck at 4:45. Gift bags of merchandise will be given to children in attendance. Caroling with Emily Cleaveland will begin shortly after the arrival of Santa. Hot Chocolate, cider and cookies will be served. The tree and lights will be erected at 9 a.m. and it will be decorated at 1 p.m..

Don Hill put the question before the group was it worth offering 250<sup>th</sup> merchandise to the list of volunteers at 75% off? After some discussion as to the logistics, it was decided that on Dec. 23 from 4-6 p.m. at the Meeting House any volunteer on the list that receives emails regarding 250<sup>th</sup> news, could participate. A motion was made by Leigh Callaway that any remaining 250<sup>th</sup> Merchandise post Dec. 23 would be donated to the Historical Society. Cune Bednar seconded the motion and a vote was taken. It passed unanimously.

Leigh Callaway finished the meeting by thanking Donald Hill for his leadership of the 250<sup>th</sup> over the past two years and a round of applause was given. Don was appreciative, but again thanked everybody for their outstanding support and dedication to the 250<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill