

February 20, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting

The February 20th Meeting for the 250th Celebration was held in the Protectworth Room at the Town Office, due to the Meeting House being closed for energy conservation purposes during the winter. Volunteers in attendance included; Annette Granger, Nancy Bower, Angela MacCreighton, Janet Lebrecht, Dick Hendl, Bill Sullivan, Happy and Leigh Callaway, Marla Binzel, Pixie and Don Hill, Poul Heilmann, Jim Bednar, Alice Nulsen, Elizabeth and Andy D'Amico, and Emily Cleaveland.

Don Hill welcomed the group with upbeat opening statements. Poul Heilmann made a motion to accept January's Meeting Minutes, Leigh Callaway seconded and they were unanimously approved with no corrections or additions.

Leigh Callaway gave a synopsis of the Treasures Report. To date, \$86, 635 has been collected. After expenses, we presently have \$60, 294.17 in the bank. Leigh mentioned that the \$3500 given by the town at Town Meeting in 2018 was used for advertising and related expenses as promised. No money from the town is being requested in the 2019 budget.

Don Hill gave an update on the hydraulic lift in the Meeting House and a big thank you to Selectman Dick Hendl for his due diligence on contacting every State and ADA agency to make sure we are in compliance with different codes. Dick is compiling a notebook with all of his questions and answers provided so people can see that the lift will meet all requirements. It appears that a meeting with Town Council, Selectboard and 250th leadership will be required before the gift of the lift to the town can be accepted. Most likely the lift will be accepted next year at Town Meeting.

Poul Heilmann spoke regarding the changes to the 2019 Calendar of Events updates. The Mentallist on Sept. 28 has been cancelled, a replacement event is being sought out. If you have a suggestion, please feel free to drop them at the Town Office. For the Art Show and Sale a preview party has been added on Friday, Aug. 16. The Meeting House Rededication will be held Sept. 7 and the Golf Tournament at Twin Lake Villa will be Sept. 14.

The Gold (goldine) Commemorative Medallion is now on sale. Quantities are limited and are selling for \$20 each. They can be purchased at the town office or at events where merchandise is being sold. There are still DMV license plates available. Hoping people will show their town spirit and buy one or two. Only 100 are being sold.

The last two 250th events were reviewed, the Pulled Pork Lunch and the Skating Party. Both were considered huge successes and will hopefully be repeated in years to come. New faces and families were seen at both events.

Marla Binzel gave information on the Winter Hike on March 2. Preregistration is required for this event. Please call or email Daphne Kleing (763-2616 or dklein25@gmail.com). The plan is to meet at the town office parking lot and proceed to Old Grafton Rd, car pooling if necessary. Marla was asked if the Conservation Commission is proceeding with the Collins Park clean-up. It was indicated that they are waiting for guidance from the 250th before starting. Don Hill will attend a Conservation Meeting to discuss.

Pixie and Don Hill described the Sugar House Tour Event to be held on Sat., March 23. The event will begin at the Meeting House from 1-1:30 with a maple social (vanilla ice cream with maple syrup) and people can pick up a map of participating sugar houses. There are 7 community members willing to open their sugar houses from 1:30-4 p.m. for people to come see how different techniques are used in the syrup making process.

Jim Bednar described the flower arranging clinic on March 30. Alli Coy from Allioops in New London will be giving the clinic. The bouquets will be raffled off when completed. A \$5 donation is being requested.

Pixie Hill requested help with the Tea Party on April 6. 12-14 card tables are needed as well as Tea Party Goodies to be made. Real, porcelain tea cups are also needed. There were many offerings from the audience to help. More on this at the next 250th Meeting in March. Jim Bednar is working diligently on the historical display from the Historical Society for this event and this will remain in place for the next event on April 13.

Jim Bednar described the Chat around the Cracker Barrel and Potluck dinner event on April 13. Several long-time residents and natives of Springfield will be

discussing their memories of life in Springfield. This should be a fun evening, come with a donation for the pot luck supper and enjoy what unfolds.

The Rubber Ducky race will be held again at Twin Lake Villa on Sat., April 27. Two hundred tickets will go on sale around the time of Town Meeting on March 12. Tickets will be \$10 each. Prize money will most likely be donated again by Sugar River Bank. There will be some additional prizes given as well, items crafted by Springfield residents.

Leigh Callaway gave an update on the Time Capsule. Angela MacCreighton has found an artist who will burn into the wood the 250th Logo and other verbiage, to be determined. Suggestions of what items should be included in the time capsule are still being accepted. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 4:15 p.m. in the Royal Arch Room, town office.

There were no new business items. The Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill

