

March 20, 2018 250th Celebration Meeting

The March 20th Meeting for the 250th Celebration was held at the Meeting House at 7 p.m. with the following volunteers present: Leigh and Happy Callaway, Cune and Jim Bednar, Poul Heilmann, Don and Pixie Hill, Marla Binzel, Dick Hendl, Janet Lebrecht, Trudy Heath, Jessalyn Straniti, Donna Tibbetts, Keith Cutting, Fred Davis, Maryanne Petrin, Natallia and Ron Whiting and Angela MacCreighton.

The Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2019 were motioned to accept by Poul Heilmann and seconded by Ron Whiting. They were accepted as written.

Don Hill, Chair, gave an update on the lift for the Meeting House. By Sept. 7, the architect should have detailed, professional drawings for display during the Rededication of the Meeting House. The 250th Chair, along with several other members of the 250th, the Selectboard and Town Legal Counsel will be meeting at some point to see when the lift can actually be given to the town. It depends on the wording of the Trust that was set up for the 250th Celebration.

Next up for discussion was Collin's Park. It appears that we will progress with cleaning up the area and leave the issue of easement for the time being. A meeting for April 10th at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House was scheduled for the next Collin's Park Meeting. The Historical Society, Garden Club and Conservation Commission should all be in attendance for this meeting.

Leigh Callaway, Treasurer, gave the latest update on how much is in the account. There is currently over \$60,000 in the account with most expenses up to date. However, Poul Heilmann cautioned that a fair amount of money for advertising for the April and May events has been spent and has yet to be taken out of the 250th account. It remains to be seen what the cost of the lift and installation will total as we need a contractor to look at the space to see if there are going to be any surprises with the installation. We still have a few fundraisers left, but quite possibly more expenses than income, so we will have to be careful.

Leigh, also, gave an update on the Time Capsule. The next meeting will be on April 8 at 4:15. Angela MacCreighton has found a person to do the engraving on the top. Once that has been done, Leigh will finish the wood.

Poul Heilmann gave an update on the 2019 Calendar of Events. New updated calendars will be published and include a larger section for Old Home Day and the scheduled events for that as well. The Mentalist on Sept. 28 has been cancelled due to health reasons for the presenter. Ramblin' Rick has been contracted to replace him and Rick comes with high accolades and he can perform on the same scheduled night. The Meeting House Rededication has been set for Sept. 7 and the TLV Golf Tournament has been set for Sept. 14. The entertainment event in July was eliminated, so much going on. And the final meeting for the 250th will be close to Dec. 31st.

Poul spoke about merchandise. The 250th wagon will appear at the Post Office sometime in May. Volunteers will be needed to staff that as the time gets closer. The push is on to sell the license plates and gold commemorative medallions. No further merchandise will be ordered. We have plenty of T Shirts and Hoodies to get us through to the end of the year. Most upcoming events will be staffed for merchandise sales.

A brief discussion was held regarding the last two events for the 250th, the Winter Hike and Pancake Breakfast. Both were regarded as successes. The upcoming Sugar House Tours was summarized. It will start at the Meeting House with a maple ice cream social. People will pick up a map to the 7 participating sugar makers and they will be open from 1:30 to 4:00. The seven Springfield Residents who are participating are Roberts Sugar House, Ellis Farm, Cutting Farm, Hillview Farm, Cook Farm and Hazzard Acres Farm and Valley View Maple Farm.

Jim Bednar spoke briefly on the Flower Arranging Clinic being given by Springfield Resident Alli Coy. It will be held on March 30th at the Meeting House from 10-noon. It is a FREE event, but a donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Pixie Hill spoke regarding the Tea Party being held on April 6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Meeting House. People have signed up for goodies to bring and have been donating tea cups to be used as well as card tables. The Historical Society will be preparing a display of historical photos.

Don Hill talked regarding the Chat Around the Cracker Barrel Event. From 4-6 p.m. long-time residents and natives will be sharing memories of earlier days. From 6-7 p.m. there will be a pot-luck supper. Sign-ups are needed for dishes people will be bringing.

Pixie Hill talked about the Rubber Ducky Race on April 27th. Sugar River Bank will once again be sponsoring the event by supplying the \$600 in cash winnings. 200 tickets are being sold and Pixie encouraged people in attendance to take some tickets with them. Selling these tickets are important, it can bring in \$2000 for the 250th.

Natallia Whiting reviewed Old Home Day. She says that Annette Granger has sold 11 vendor spots. It is expected that these will fill up fast. She then talked about the Spaghetti Dinner and will be in need of desserts. Sauces, salad and spaghetti are all taken care of. The next Old Home Day Meeting is April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Protectworth Room.

The meeting was then opened up for new business, comments and suggestions. Donna Tibbetts stated that she had heard that there may be an issue of medically assisting a person on the second floor and that a stretcher could not be used on the staircase. Don Hill spoke that all of these matters will be addressed by the Architectural Firm that has been hired. Once the purchase and sales agreement has been made, the Firm will be contacting Springfield Fire and Rescue to develop a plan for emergencies. A lot of other factors will be considered and addressed and Dick Hendl has already compiled a notebook, that is located at the town office with questions that have been asked and answers that have been given. Don recommended that everyone familiarize themselves with this notebook so the accurate word can be spread regarding the lift. Don thanked Dick Hendl for his due diligence and the volunteers gave him a round of applause.

The next 250th Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019, 7 p.m. at the Meeting House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill