

December 19, 2018 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

The Dec. 19, 2018 250th Celebration Meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House on Four Corners Rd. Volunteers in attendance were: Leigh and Happy Callaway, Pixie and Don Hill, Jim and Cune Bednar, Paul Heilmann, Maryanne Petrin, Brandt Denniston, Alice Nulsen, Trudy Heath, Angela MacCreighton, Fred Davis, Dick Hendl, Scott Santor, Marla Binzel, Elizabeth and Andy D'amico, and Lynette Johnson.

The Meeting Minutes from the Nov. 14th meeting were approved, following a motion by Jim Bednar to accept and a second by Poul Heilmann.

Leigh Callaway gave the Treasurer's report. The 250th Celebration has raised \$75,142.06. The amount currently in the bank is \$52,145. It is important that the volunteers know that most events in 2019 are free, but there will be expenses to the 250th, therefore taking the foot off the fundraising accelerator is not an option. The group was given a huge word of thanks from Chairman Don Hill for all of the energy that the group brings to the table. It is infectious and is the reason for the success so far.

Don Hill gave an update on the hydraulic lift for the Meeting House. After meeting with the architect and the lift representative an estimate of \$50,000 for the purchase and installation of lift was provided. This estimate does not include any expenses for "surprises" that may result from the building being constructed in the 1700's. Fingers are crossed that an installation will go smoothly. The architect is hopeful to have plans available to the group by year's end so that a Request For Proposal (RFP) can take place in Jan. and Feb., in time for Town Meeting in March. Going with a slightly more expensive lift made the most sense as it will be a smoother, quieter and faster ride to the second floor.

Poul Heilmann talked about the event schedule for 2019. It is a full calendar with lots of fun activities being planned. Don Hill mentioned that there had been a request to "think about changing the name of the Christmas Craft Fair to Holiday Craft Fair" and he felt it should be brought to the volunteers for input. After review of other area Fairs during the season, it was motioned by Trudy Heath and seconded by Leigh Callaway to keep the name of the fair in December as "Christmas Craft Fair" for the year 2019. The motion passed with strong support.

Poul also talked about the status of merchandise. No more merchandise will be ordered, the goal is to sell out of what we have. It has all been paid for so what we sell will go to the bottom line.

Don Hill reviewed the January 5th Birthday Party. A historic reenactment of the Charter Signing is being rehearsed. Volunteers were asked to help with clean-up at both the Fire House and Meeting House following the fireworks. Leigh and Happy Callaway and Jim and Cune Bednar volunteered to clean-up at the Meeting House. Angela MacCreighton and Family, Maryanne Petrin and Pixie Hill will clean-up the Fire House. Brandt Denniston volunteered to man the desk where people will be allowed to sign the Charter, which will then be placed in the Time Capsule.

The Pulled Pork luncheon on Sat., Jan. 26 from 11-2 was discussed by Don Hill and Jim Bednar. Jim circulated a sign-up sheet for people who wanted to cook pulled pork. All pork and ingredients will be supplied. Trudy Heath brought up volunteers for desserts. It was decided that we would get the word out that desserts were needed and that by the Jan. 16th 250th Meeting we would know if we were in

good shape or not. Dick Hendl from the Selectboard had contacted the NH State Liquor Commission regarding the question as to whether or not Beer Sampling could be held during the Pulled Pork Luncheon. The Liquor Commission did not require a permit for the scope of the tasting, but would not allow advertising for the event. Dick also contacted the Town Insurance Co. Liability was the concern, but the insurance company was informed that two uniformed police officers would be on hand to check ID's and a limit of 9 oz. would be served. The Selectboard will be presented with all of the facts at their meeting on Dec. 20 and vote as to whether or not to allow the craft beer tasting by Springfield Home Brewers at the luncheon.

Pixie Hill was then asked to brief the group on the Parade Committee updates. The Committee will be making several announcements at the Birthday party. The Parade Participation Forms are ready for release, the Princess Application Forms will be available and the Nominations for the 250th Queen will be circulated. The committee is in a holding pattern waiting to hear from groups about their commitment to the parade on July 13. Pixie stated that the Old Home Day Committee may not have enough funds to pay for some of the expenses with the parade and entertainment for Old Home Day and was requesting extra funds be released by the 250th Celebration. Trudy Heath made a motion to allow the Parade and Entertainment Committee use up to \$3000 from the 250th Celebration for needed expenses. Leigh Callaway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Leigh Callaway briefed the group on the making of the Time Capsule. Construction is underway and it may be ready to show at the Birthday Party. It is a beautiful maple box with dove tailed joints. It will be a fine piece of furniture when it is completed.

Poul Heilmann closed the meeting with an updated calendar of 250th Meetings for the year 2019. The next 250th Meeting will be January 16, 2019, 7 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill