

Old Home Day Minutes 03/14/11

Present:

Chris Wood, Walt Kowaliw, Paula Shank, Tracy Lawson , Kathy Habiby, Lisa Mango, Andrea Smith, Joanne Stroshine, Susan Karalekas ,Ridgely Brown, Maria Ettner, Bill Carson, Jane Johnson.

Guest: Lee Dunham

February 14, 2011 minutes approved by the committee

Lee Dunham brought information from the Old Homestead Association meeting to say that they are forming collaboration between them and Old Home Day Committee to raise money on a booklet listing supporters of the community and local businesses. Together, the committees will contact local business for purchase of ads to be placed in this booklet. The booklet will highlight summer events in Swanzey, including four concerts and play nights. It was agreed that the book will be in memory of Barbara Brown.

Paula has comprised a list of businesses, addresses and phone numbers

Kathy has a letter to present to business and also as a contract for people who would like to advertise in the booklet.

Updates:

Children's Activities:

The Interact Club will bring materials and conduct the following games:

Relay races (3 legged, potato-sack, wheelbarrow)

sponge toss

water balloon toss

bean bag toss

parachute toss

Key Club will do face fainting

Other games are: Bounce House, Fishing Game, Duck Pond, Penguin Toss, Cupcake Walk, Safari Treasure Chest (prizes to be awarded)

Organized games will be: Pony - "carrot eating" game, relay races, sponge toss, water balloon toss, pie eating contest and hula-hoop contest.

It was agreed by the committee that the only charge for games will be for the Bounce House at .25 cents. The committee agreed that all the other games are free and will include prizes.

Other: Generator is need for the Bounce House. Last year it was donated by Powers.

Fuel is also needed to be placed at a certain time to avoid Bounce House collapse.

Crafters/Non Profits

\$50.(money) taken in since last meeting.

A discussion was made about a second notice to go out to previous vendors. However, Ridgely decided that she would call instead, as reminders again to all vendors.

Gemini Graphics will be making t-shirts for OHD with the date selling for \$6.00 each

Signage

It was agreed that signage should be up at least 30 days prior to the event. The banners made were on display for the members to see. They will be placed at the intersection at Rt 12 and Rt 32, Market Basket exit on Rt 10, and at the Swanzey "triangle" on Rt 32 between the two schools.

It also was agreed that maybe a rotation of the signs might be helpful.

Food /Vendors

The committee discussed the idea of a wellness area to be held by HCS. This would include sun damage -screening, and BP checks to be held indoors. Norm will be contacted at the fire department to see if this can happen indoors. Kathy to check on this.

Charcoal Charlies was mentioned as an option to bring in some smokers/BBQ- Lisa to check

No commitment has been made with the fire department about food- Lisa to check

Hillside pizza will be here bringing pizza, wraps, and salads

Boy Scouts will be selling water, popcorn and perhaps cotton candy. They also will display a "Rain gutter regatta".

Bill said that there is a "church in Keene"-on Maple Ave who might be interested in selling baked potatoes. Bill to check and update committee.

Tents

Elegant Setting has offered a discount on an Octagon tent that seats 70 people. The set up fee is \$65.00 and the rental is \$562.50

Another 20x 40 tent has been donated that is red and white.

These tents have been approved by the committee for food and music areas.

Music

The schedule for music is from 11am-4pm

Chris will be the MC

Chris has already booked free music already

Northern Stone- local music was presented to Chris as an option too as music for all ages. Fees unknown.

Parade

We need at least two bands in the parade, one of which is a marching band. We are still trying for the Navy band and /or color guard for the parade. Cost is still an issue and Kathy is looking for a one day commitment from them.

Nelson Town Band, American Legion and Westmoreland Bands are options, however, they were very expensive last year.

The committee agrees to a route change starting at Sawyers Crossing/Eaton intersection to the High School. There will be better parking, more sidewalks and safer for viewers. This will be determined by the Selectman at their upcoming meeting per Bill.

Publicity

Paula says lists will be available on 03/15/11 as deadlines are approaching.

Posters are needed in abundance.

Public service announcements will be free.

Car Show

Walt says he is working on donations from dealers for the trophies for the car show. The total donations looking for is \$130.00 (\$40.00 places, and \$50. for show)

Other items discussed:

Need dog bowls

Garbage cans

Port- a- pots (handicap and regular)

Mapping out event: the music closer to the school the high school vs the SAU, children's games on grassy area closer to Civil War re-enactments, the paved area behind SAU bldg will be the food. Antique car show to be in school parking lot entrance from Rt 32 . These are some ideas for now.