

Quarter Millennium Committee meeting

Thursday, April 19th

Minutes

In attendance: Sherry Fiske, Kathy Fedorka, Honey Hastings, Rose Lowry, Donna & Paul Quinn

Main Event Date: Saturday Sept. 20, 2008

Events will spread out over the year, in addition to the Main Event on Harvest Festival weekend. ie, Memorial Day, July 4th, etc, will have QM Birthday events as well.

Doing Harvest Fest & QM back to back will allow economies of effort as well as cost.

Event ideas & discussions...

- from the Historical Society meeting:
 - 2 time capsules -- 25 and 50 years
 - Get children involved (Chris will help)
 - Re-do the pageant (original was pantomime)
 - Get kids involved, perform several times
 - Plant a disease-resistant elm, or other fairly permanent marker... Where to plant?
 - Bulk mailings -- to get all citizens involved
- Beard growing: Start with a clean shave on Jan 1... guys gotta challenge each other. Get Glenn Nutting & Dennis F (Santa) involved.
- Drama club street performances & skits sounds flexible and fun
- Historic Society will have a Display of Artifacts, perhaps in the Town Hall
- Set up a display showing the growth & change in Temple... Cool things residents are doing. Set it up Chronologically.
- Invite Jordana (glass art teacher at FPC) to discuss the Temple Glassworks.
- Temple Band may have difficulty marching in the Parade. Sherry is wooing Lois Estabrook. Perhaps they can bring in alumni to beef up the participants for these events?
- Contra Dance... Nelson has frequent dances and great contacts. BYOB.
- Hiring a band, like a marching band, would be around \$1000.
- How about a Rock Band? Jon Pierson? Maybe a Jazz band?
- Parade route will need staging areas. Be mindful of hills... and runaway floats. :-) Municipal Building to Common to Ballfield is a likely route.

Groups to consider for Events, Quilt, Parade, Etc

Historical Society
(closely involved)
Village Green & Harvest Festival
(closely involved)
Temple Band
Temple Dance Band
Fire Department
Fire Department Ladies Auxilliary
Ladies Aid
Lions
Ambulance
Veterans
Drama Club
Church
Church Youth Group
Historic District Commission
Friends of Temple Town Hall
Library
Rec Department
Youth Baseball
Fossils Softball
Temple School
Temple PTO
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
4H
Temple Trails Association
Silver Lining Circus
Green Energy Group
Families/Farms/Businesses:
Lucas Community
Connellys
Counoyers Store
Birchwood
Wheelands
Town Staff/Office/Selectment
Town Groups/Committees
Police
Planning Board
ConCom
Highway Dept
ZBA

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- Parade can include antique trucks from other towns.
- Muster can be held in the field behind the blacksmith shop.
- Extra bulb plantings (daffs, daylillies) will need to be organized this fall (07). Look for flower donations. Kids can help.
- Big sheet cake (many sheet cakes put onto a big plywood) big map of town. School kids decorate?
- Lets make this a green event! Utensils, biodegradable plastic, recycling, carbon offset.
- HS demo ideas: cider, butter churning, wool spinning
- Get Nicky in the loop and get the school & kids involved... will pull the parents in (and get them hooked on volunteerism!) Make this part of the curriculum.
- Dog show? Good for a separate date
- Magician
- Caricatures
- Fireworks
- Wine tasting? What about drinking? Could be a good fundraiser. Perhaps hold it at the Birchwood.
- On event day, perhaps 3 venues going at once:
 - Kids: events, games, performances... old-time games. Think Sturbridge village. Get ideas from Barrett House in New Ipswich.
 - History: reenactments, demos, ongoing displays
 - Animals/Agriculture: 4H, performances, demos

How our group will function

- Do we want more members? Yes!
- Encourage people to focus & work hard on what they want and do it really well
- Publicity! Get Becky A involved... keep her informed about upcoming events. Honey has contacted Jane Ecklund about doing some Features. Get into Janes' Historic columns.
- Donna checking with Townsend's schedule... fundraisers have started already.

- Budget:
 - Get groups to say what they want
 - We have \$2000 to use by Dec 31 07
- We are coordinators and facilitators
- Size of group? Aim for 30... get new residents involved. Get reps from town groups (see list)... ask each group to recommend someone... great way to get a new resident involved.
- Historical Society and QM will synchronize. Honey is HS program coordinator. Anne Lunt will be active in both groups

Advertising & Events

April 24, Newsletter Deadline... Rose put a blurb in.

July 4th and other seasonal events: Advertise, Have a Banner, expanded parade?

September 23, '07 this year's Harvest Festival

Next meeting: Thurs, May 17th, 7:30pm at the Library.

We'll have meetings once a month. While no day of the week works for everyone, Thursday seemed least problematic.

Everyone: Consider folks who could act as liaisons and representatives from various groups. Talk up the event, and get townspeople thinking about it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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