

Minutes: Nelson "250" Committee

September 18, 2016

Present: Barbara Bennett, Don Bennett, Susan Hansel, Donna Kidd, Gordon Peery, Susan Peery, Sam Romano, Karen Tolman, Bert Wingerson

"Excused" absences: Allison Aldrich, Ann & John Bunce, Jane Kirk, Lisa Sievert

Guests: Linda Singer, Val Van Meier, Jason Walter

Susan called meeting to order @ 3:04 PM.

Minutes of July 17, 2016 approved as read.

- Susan & Gordon Peery proposed that instead of a book format for a history publication the committee consider development of a web site. This could include chosen written selections and pictures and would be less costly. The site could be promoted for the Sestercentennial and be fluid to add to as desired. Many old Grapevine articles have already been transcribed for inclusion. Gordon stated that it would not be difficult to set up and estimated start-up costs to be @ \$300 - \$400. On-going costs would be approximately \$100. Moving In Step could be initial fiscal agent. Gordon proposed a flyer printed on quality stock paper could be designed to promote the web-site; featuring pictures, a time-line w/ key notes of information.... The committee liked this concept and suggested that pamphlet be visually appealing with readable size print. This project would be under the auspices of the History Roundtable group. It was noted that such a format could be a well used resource for Nelson school children.
- The ORML Trustees hope the first 2017 Forum will feature Alan Rumrill as speaker.

- Val Van Meier joined us representing the Agriculture Committee. The group wishes to plant a colonial kitchen garden for the Sestercentennial season only. An appropriate location on Village property to be determined w/ permission from the Selectmen. "250" committee expressed favorable comments.
- Jason Walter represented the Nelson Fire Department and noted our ideas for possible involvement of the NFD on 7/8/17. The committee proposed that the NFD consider providing food at some point during that day; preferably during mid-day hours. Jason will meet with the Department and join us at our next meeting with feed-back.
- Lisa and Allison report that re-enactors are set for 7/8/17 as well as RP Hale printing exhibit. Hale needs a clear photograph to use to develop drawing. Susan H. will contact Hunt to see if he will provide. Group suggests that image be of Common area similar to drawing on cover of the Grapevine. Adam Boyce confirmed for 9/30/17 and Jeff Warner confirmed for 11/17.
- Susan H. reported that 41 calendars were sold @ Old Home Day. They are also available in the Town Office and Library. Medallions are selling for \$5. ea. 50 of each of 4 colors were ordered. The group also reviewed information gathered on OHD re: possible pottery selections created by Mike Hansel. We will make choices at next meeting.  
The group discussed financial requirements re: this year's allotment from Town and reminder to discuss @ next meeting.
- Don reviewed information he and John Bunce gathered re: the foundation mill stone offered by John Cucchi. The

Committee unanimously decided to decline the offer. Bert will draft a thank you to John.

- Bert updated information re: a history exhibit to be held at the Old Library. She noted items at hand and requested all be on the look-out for additional pieces created in Nelson. The Committee can use the Old Library w/ permission from owners and are covered for liability from Town.
- Reminder that our theme for the Sestercentennial is "A Sense of Place".
- A discrepancy was noted re: date for 2017 Old Home Day. Susan will invite Kathy Blaudschun to next meeting.
- Linda Singer reported that Apple Hill is interested in acknowledging Sestercentennial year. Specific details forthcoming.
- Linda also suggested a possible garden tour event during 2017; capturing "Sense of Place" concept.
- Karen reported progress of the Quigley exhibit.....describing the publication and enormous effort of many in bringing this to fruition. The exhibit will be held at the Cheshire County Historical Society May through September 2017.
- Next meeting - October 16, 2016 @ 3 PM in LLL.
- Meeting adjourned: 5 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Kidd