

Minutes: Nelson "250" Committee

April 23, 2017

Present: Barbara Bennett, Don Bennett, Maury Collins, Susan Hansel, Donna Kidd, Jane Kirk, Sam Romano, Lisa Sieverts, Karen Tolman, Bert Wingerson

Guest: Judi Lang

Susan called meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Minutes of March 19, 2017 approved as read.

- Karen gave an update about the Quigley exhibit which is expected to open May 9th at the Cheshire County Historical Society. Forty-five paintings to be shown. A reception will be 5/19 @ CCHS. Alan will do a mailing. Lance Tucker will speak 6/7 @ CCHS about local artists. The catalog is currently at the printer. Cost will be \$30. making it accessible to many. Proceeds will sponsor a scholarship fund for area art student.
There will be a dance @ Town Hall 5/4 for the Nelson school children featuring Quigley. They will visit the exhibit @ CCHS.
- Karen also noted that the Nelson history website continues to grow.
- Lisa created a Google doc noting details of events which will be continuously updated.
- Bert spoke about Tracy Messer who portrayed Calvin Coolidge at a recent event. He could do a walking tour of Nelson and prepare a DVD which could be available for "posterity" noting how it was in Nelson in 2017. Bert will gather additional information for next meeting.
- Donna shared that 2 teak benches are ordered for the front of the Library; one a memorial gift for Herb Singer and the other a gift of The Friends of the Library. These should be in place by June. A bike rack will also be installed by the Town Hall. A group of interested folks have formed a landscaping committee and plan to "beautify" the front of the Library.

- Donna has gathered info re: a banner to hang during this year to "Celebrate Nelson 250". The committee discussed possible placement for best viewing. Jane suggested that another banner be purchased for display in Munsonville. Donna to pursue.
- Maury continues to work details for 7/8 with Nelson Police Dept.
- Jack Bradshaw has agreed to be Master of Ceremonies for Proclamation of Nelson "250" 7/8 @ noon. Dan Eaton has "enthusiastically" confirmed attendance and Susan contacted other representatives who may join us. Committee considering children to ring the bells in Town. Susan to contact school.
- Sam will request sound and stage equipment from Old Home Day Committee.
- Judi Lang joined meeting to discuss tours of Nelson Congregational Church 7/8. She would dress in period costume and give brief history of building. The committee felt fund-raising would be inappropriate but Judi could have information available re: accessibility and lift project planned. Judi will give Lisa a write-up for publicity. Group stated best times would be 10AM and 2PM which would not interfere w/ other activities.
- Jane spoke w/ Shopper News editor, Michele Greene to alert them to time frame for publicity article. She also spoke w/ Keene Sentinel to request article in ELF section of paper. Specific event times need confirmation.
- Mike Hansel has completed ceramics which Susan displayed.
44 cups @ \$12. each
17 plates @ \$10. Total bill - \$698.
The group decided to NOT sell items elsewhere until after 7/8. Price to be determined after Mike states whether he would be willing/able to create more if we have a "waiting list". Susan to get info.
- Alan Rumrill will speak @ Chapel by the Lake 5/23. Jane will mention upcoming "250" events at this time. Medallions will be available for sale.
- Susan will speak w/ Edie @ Town Office re: porta-potties for 7/8.

- It is time to revise and update our brochure - "nail down" specifics. Mare-Anne Jarvela agrees to add insert to next Grapevine. Susan will speak w/ Linda Singer re: garden tour. Group feels a basic map noting locations would be helpful. Need times for Saving Seeds 8/10 and Monadnock Music 8/6. Add 7/5 Coffee House, Judi Lang tours, change times for Old Library exhibit - 10 - 4, Colonial Dance; 5 - 7 PM. Remove school dance w/ Jeff Warner - not public. Karen will be in touch w/ Beth Draper to revise in time for Grapevine. Group considers 500 copies appropriate. Some concern that Grapevine does not go to all in Town. What is cost of Town wide mailing?
- Meeting adjourned: 5:28 PM.
- Next meeting: May 21 @ 3PM in LLL.
- Respectfully submitted: Donna Kidd