

Minutes: Nelson "250" Committee

January 10, 2016

Present: Allison Aldrich, Barbara Bennett, Don Bennett, Ann Bunce, John Bunce, Donna Kidd, Sam Romano, Hunt Smith, Karen Tolman

Absent: Susan Hansel, Jane Kirk, Bert Wingerson

Minutes of 11/22/15 meeting approved.

Committee discussed event and cost list, provided by Lisa Sieverts MFS, to determine if funding request of \$1,000. from Town for 2016 is appropriate. Monies must be spent in 2016. It was determined that current request of \$1,000. is correct. Creation of glass medallions and Adam Boyce - Ralph Page dance which may occur in 2017 prior to 2017 Town meeting could be funded within the \$1,000. Other events would occur later in 2017 and would be funded by 2017 request. There was discussion re: substantial cost of Shape-Note Singing School. One suggestion was that Nelson residents would participate w/out charge and others pay admission fee. All were reminded that it has been the intent of this committee to have many and varied events during our Sestercentennial year without cost for Nelson residents.

These events would be "Nelson 250" events not MFS.

MFS will promote events with us. Town Hall rental costs expected to be waived.

There was question re: the date of two contra dances around the Old Home Day week in August 2017. One would be with Dudley Laufman and another contemporary dance. Dates should be clarified and Maury Collins may have input.

Allison suggested major fund-raising take place before 2017 Town Meeting but.....folks also thought Town should be engaged and support events. Need further discussion.

John suggested that Ralph Page museum @ UNH may have items we could exhibit here during period of time @ Adam Boyce performance. It was also mentioned that Bert Wingerson is considering using the Old Library space for exhibits during 2017. John suggested that all Town committees and interest groups should be contacted and encouraged to participate/hold events during 2017.

Deb Navas co-ordinates the History Roundtable publication project. Previously unpublished stories are being collected as well as choice selections from Grapevine issues. Karen described plans for the 2017 calendar. The theme will focus on A Sense of Place and will feature pictures of early homesteads in Nelson.

Plans for the Quigley exhibit are moving along. Group did suggest that a print or postcard of a Quigley painting would be a wonderful component for fund raising.

Karen will get assistance for making our logo adaptable for producing the glass medallions.

John will speak with Ian Frederick re: what items Simon Pierce creates for special orders.

Mike Hansel does pottery work and will create samples of possible items for group to consider. All feel use of the logo and theme are appropriate. We are interested in seeing a mug, pie plate and some type of Christmas ornament/disk. The group was thrilled that his efforts will be at cost and are excited to see offerings.

We have finally reached the year before "the year". It is time to pinpoint event dates and costs!

Next meeting: March 13, 2016 @ 3 PM in Library lower level.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kidd (w/ assistance-Sam Romano)

