

Minutes: "Nelson 250" Committee

June 21, 2015

Present: Barbara Bennett, Don Bennett, Susan Hansel, Donna Kidd, Deb Navas, Karen Tolman

Absent: John & Ann Bunce, Michael Iselin, Jane Kirk

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

Susan Hansel presented an agenda.

The committee discussed the idea of creating a book to be published by 2017; the sescentennial year. Deb Navas shared her thoughts and described materials she has already accumulated. The group thought entries not previously published would be appropriate. Selections could include childhood stories, interviews, historical selections, previous Grapevine articles.....presented chronologically. Potential contributors noted are Ethan Tolman, Rick Church, Tom Murray, Stacia Tolman, Renn Tolman, Don Bennett, Karen Hersey, Margo Miller, Alan Rumrill and Susan & Gordon Peery. Susan has a diary of George W. Holt, 1881, which offers a glimpse of daily activities. Deb will research potential printer/publisher costs; considering inclusion of photographs, quality of paper and size for 200 copies. Members noted the importance of variety and selections focusing on Munsonville as well as Nelson. The Bennett's commented that there is an existing history of the Munson family but is there a published history of Munsonville? Committee members will consider additional sources and bring suggestions to next meeting.

-Karen reported that grants are coming in to support the Quigley art catalog. The group briefly reviewed grant application due dates should we choose to pursue for specific "250" events.

-The committee reviewed one bid for kiddie carnival ride. Cost was prohibitive and the idea was tabled unless there is renewed interest.

-Karen reported that Lynne Francis was supportive of the idea that the "old" library become Sestercentennial headquarters; specific purpose flexible.

-Karen presented a possible "250" logo picturing the old schoolhouse which was well received by the group. She will attempt to include this, with a corresponding article, in the next Grapevine.

-Donna reported on the development of garden/beautification project for the back parking area. She received approval from the Selectmen to pursue with an expectation that any specific plans would require the approval of the Board. Donna has spoken with Library Trustees, the Friends of the Library, village neighbors, Mike Tarr and Linda Singer. All express interest and ideas. Barbara Bennett noted that her grandson has degree in landscape architecture and may be available as a resource.

-Susan H. noted that Susan Peery is interested in the idea of a dinner event in 2017.

-Committee members should continue to think about items to place in a "posterity box".

Karen reported on the progress of 2016 calendar - almost finished and ready for lay-out. The group discussed ideas for the 2017 calendar - possibly a contemporary theme - featuring people and events that occur now. Group should consider photographers as well as activities that would represent 2017.

Meeting adjourned: 5:10 PM

Next meeting: September 13, 2015 - Library lower level

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kidd