

250th Anniversary Committee

May 29, 2014

Present: Judy Bush, Carol Meredith, Edie Kimball, Mary Ellen Moran, Carol Leveque, Kelly Roberts, Fran Menard, Don Tordoff, Amy Harrington, Dick Boisvert, Kathy Berglund, Jack Hutchison, Dee Jones

Meeting called to order: 6:30 PM

Introductions and Sign-in

Background and general discussion:

- Today's agenda and a list of possible activities and of groups contacted was distributed
- Jack reported that Dan Briggs could not attend due to a conflict with DFA BOD. He will propose to the Fair Association that he be our primary interface with the Fair including what parts of the grounds to use, how to handle inclement weather, food vendors and more. We anticipate a significant piece of our 250th activities will be on a summer weekend on the fairgrounds.
- Jack reported that Walt Kutylowski had a conflict. He will recruit local musicians and plan their participation.
- Art group, Pre-School, Cemetery Commission, Friends of the Library, and Garden Club were added to list of groups to be contacted
- Judy Bush suggested a Community Calendar once events have been determined; possibly with monthly events each sponsored by a particular group.

Mission statement:

- We agreed our mission is to "commemorate and celebrate" 250 years of the town of Deerfield - commemoration of our past, celebration of the community we are.
- Mary Ellen Moran will draft a mission statement

Committee Culture/ How we organize ourselves discussion:

- Solicit all advice, listen respectfully, share the floor, and have fun
- Responsibilities and duties must be clearly defined and followed through; we need to know who is doing what and when.
- We will work in a peer-managed style – identify the tasks and individually committing to particular ones by personal interest and skill.
- Most of the work will be done outside of the meeting itself. Meetings will be to report on progress of assigned tasks, have discussions, and make new commitments.

Work Plan Commitments:

Jack Hutchinson	Meet with Deerfield Bible Church, contact Michelle Godbois for Deerfield Arts Group, initiate planning of heavy equipment rodeo, work with Dee on minutes and Mary Ellen on mission draft, solicit a web site developer (start with Dana van der Bijl)
Don Tordoff	Consult with Rotary friends to find the best contacts for Fremont, Candia, Raymond, Epping, Nottingham. Coordinate with Fran and Kathy to interview those contacts. Lear from their recent town

anniversary experience with planning, fundraising and events.
engage Cemetery Commission (with Fran),
Fran Menard Work with Don and Kathy on learning from others, possibly bring
in towns beyond Raymond Area Rotary
Kelly Roberts Heritage Commission update; explore art & fundraising. Post
minutes and agendas to town website. Get permission to use the
town seal as a part of the 250th logo. With permission, send digital
logo to Dick.
Carol Leveque Fundraising ideas
Mary Ellen Moran Mission Statement; Historical Society input
Edie Kimball Historical Society input. Objects/info from 200th anniversary
Pastor Carol Assemble a group at church and contact Bible Church about
offering a joint service, perhaps outdoors.
Judy Bush Work with Pastor Carol. Contact Jenni George or others about Deerfield
Cooperative Pre-School participation
Dee Jones Discuss participation and fundraising with Garden Club and Friends of
Library, write meeting minutes.
Kathy Berglund Contact other towns (work with Don and Fran). Develop contacts at towns
outside the local Rotary set
Dick Boisvert Propose and organize an archeological dig in town; develop a logo
specifically for 250th Anniversary using the town seal.
Amy Harrington Learn the history of the first phone in Deerfield.

Other:

- Kathy suggested Dana van der Bijl as Webmaster. Jack will contact her.
- Electronic Media will be key
- Post minutes agendas and other communications on Forum and Town Website
- Meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Emergency Management Room at George B. White (across from the Selectmen's meeting room).

Meeting Review:

- Fran and others said they couldn't always hear the conversation – so a group norm will be to raise a hand the moment you cannot hear.
- good discussion of committee structure
- Carole Meredith observed that at times a member would go off the topic we were discussing – we agreed this could be a problem for a large committee, and that we'll all work on self-monitoring.
- post minutes on Town Website and distribute to all committee members
- overall a good first meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones & Jack Hutchinson

NEXT MEETING: June 25, 6:30 PM at George B White

