

300th Anniversary Celebration

Approved Minutes 19 September 2018

Chairman Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:05 PM, Wed., Sept. 19, 2018. Other Committee members present: Tim Bortz, Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik, Ed Stuart.

ACTION on Minutes from meeting of Aug. 15, 2018. Rhonda brought up the 300th Logo and wanted to clarify the statement "Tim Bortz will get in touch with Northwest Territorial Mint...." - and asked if he still intended to be in contact with company. Tim said he would be in touch with the company. Also a change regarding the library design of Walt St. Clair should be changed to say Sally St. Clair would be contacted regarding the use of Walt's design. After no further discussion, Chris Hadik made a motion to accept the changes as made; Ed Stuart seconded the motion; all voted in favor of the changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Results of sales at the Chester Town Fair - started with \$400 in cash box; ended with \$710, thus we had profits of \$310 for the day, which included a \$20 donation. Twenty T-shirts were sold on fair day.

OLD BUSINESS: Tim Bortz will send the artwork to the company and get cost information, etc. for us. Jean reminded us that Sue Reiter asked to be in on the final set-up for the coin. Tim will be in touch with Sue. We'll order bronze coins to start with, and later will order silver coins which will be used for special events.

NEW BUSINESS: We received about 27 survey forms on Fair day with several people expressing interest in volunteering in some capacity. Chris Hadik offered to take the surveys and put all the info onto a spreadsheet for us for the next meeting. Then information of who is interested in helping in what area can be given to those in charge of that event.

Rhonda spoke about her concerns for the parade route and possible lack of people to watch at the parade route's beginning on Chester Street, which she observed the day of the Town Fair. She noted there were no spectators on Chester Street - they were all down at the center and along Route 102.

Advertising of this anniversary celebration is so important - we need someone to attend our meetings and see what needs to be done for advertising. Another possible problem that might impact the 300th celebration is if construction has started at the intersection of 102/121 by summer of 2022. We need to get more committees set up for events for this celebration and more importantly, we need to get a website set up.

Advertising is the most important thing at this time, after getting a website developed. Maybe put an article in Tri-Town News asking for someone who has expertise in this area who would be willing to do this. Rhonda Lamphere said she will speak with Debra Doda about a possible person to take this on. Maybe we could get a link off the Town website??

Ed Stuart expressed interest in being one to update that website, posting minutes, events, calendar of events, survey results, etc., once we have it running. Rhonda will get info to Ed and the rest of the Committee after she speaks to Debra.

OTHER BUSINESS: 300th banners - Jean brought one to show us - church steeple image on gray background - to be hung from poles in town. These would be hung up after July 4, 2021 to kick off the 300th until the end of the celebration in fall 2022.

Also needed is a banner to use on booth when set up at an event, or use elsewhere when needed - "300th (logo inserted) Tricentennial" - about 8ft long x 1ft high. Chris Hadik will get a price for us.

Ed Stuart said he has all the leftover shirts from the fair and is storing them in his basement. Rhonda is laundering one of the shirts to see what, if any, amount of shrinkage there is with them as they're 100% cotton.

Jean will check with Leslie Packard of the American Legion Auxiliary to see if we can have a table at their December 1st craft event at the MPR. Chris Hadik mentioned that people were asking if we'd have hats available sometime for the 300th. Rhonda showed a photo of an ornament that would be nice with our logo on it. She'll check on the gray/silver color they showed, which everyone seemed to like, for background color. Hopefully we can get these in time for the Dec. 1st event. Rhonda and Chris also spoke about the ceramic mugs and discussed colors. Chris will get information from his wife, Carrie, regarding the mug prices, etc. Ed will check into getting hats for the event - gray cap with blue & gold embroidery, adjustable size. Items that we'll hopefully have for sale at the Dec. fair will be: T-shirts, coins, hats, mugs and ornaments. We'll also hand out more surveys at that time.

Next meeting Wed., Oct 17, 2018, 7:00 PM

No meeting in November - right before Thanksgiving.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chris Hadik; all in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pepper, Secretary