

## **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

### **Approved Minutes 16 January 2019**

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Following Committee Members were present: Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik and Ed Stuart. Graphic designer, Sue Reiter and Kathy LeClair also present.

Action on MINUTES of Wed., December 19, 2018: there were no changes. Chris Hadik made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ed Stuart seconded; all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT - nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Sue Reiter discussed the coin designs and said after she had looked at them again, she wasn't entirely pleased with them. She showed the Committee the changes she made to the cannon and to the Library building, which members approved. Sue feels the covered bridge still needs further improvement to the water and to the roof. All were in agreement with her thoughts regarding those changes. Sue will talk with the company about them

Ed Stuart brought up the subject of the Town website - he contacted Debra Doda and was told by her that only Chester employees have access to the Town website. She said she is willing to help us - if we give her the information for it, she'll be happy to put it on the site. Ed will be our go-between with Debra to keep the site updated. He asked her about having an e-mail address for the Committee and Debra said she'll speak with the Administrator to set that up. E-mails will be automatically forwarded to the Committee members. A couple of possible "names" for our e-mail address were discussed and it was decided to use: [300th@chesternh.org](mailto:300th@chesternh.org). All approved of this choice.

Rhonda handed out copies of what is on the current website for the 300th Anniversary Committee. Members went over it line-by-line and made a few changes. Ed will send these changes to Debra to update it on the site.

Ed spoke about the pole banners and said he had found some prices, but they were for larger sizes than needed. Jean will speak with someone he knows about the banners again and get some prices. We're looking at 15x30 banners to hang from telephone poles.

NEW BUSINESS - Kathy LeClair: Kathy introduced herself to the Committee and those who weren't familiar with her extensive theater background and experience. Kathy mentioned that due to her mother's health issues, she is unable to do much right now regarding the pageant for 2022 at the MPR. As time draws closer, she hopes to have time to devote to looking over the script and working on other preparations for the presentation. A woman who has experience with theater backgrounds and sets will work with Kathy. Jean said he also knows of three local artists interested in helping with the sets. Kathy feels if she starts working a year ahead of the scheduled pageant, it will give her plenty of time to accomplish everything to make it possible --

designing sets, getting props, setting up lighting, etc. Kathy feels that summer months (possibly August) would be the ideal time for the pageant as it is a "down-time" for other theater presentations in our area, even though the Committee had originally thought the pageant would be a good in-door event for cold weather months. In addition, Kathy said with her theater group connections, she would probably be able to borrow costumes and some props that might be needed. Jean mentioned to Kathy of Lynn Rockwell's interest in being moderator for the pageant. She has an excellent speaking voice. Kathy agreed she would be good for the position. Jean will send contact information of the local artists and Lynn to Kathy.

Chris Hadik handed out copies of the results from our surveys handed out at various events since September 2018. He had received 55 completed surveys. The group went over these results and noted many that we have people to be in charge of many of the events on the list. Brief discussion was held about the possibility of having fireworks a couple of times a year throughout the celebration. Also, Chris Hadik mentioned the possibility of having the banquet outside in a large tent, possibly with heaters if needed, depending on time of year. Also we could have a dance floor put down and find a band to entertain in the tent. Future discussion will continue.

Jean mentioned how important it is now for Committee Members to talk to people who would be interested in helping with the 300th and trying to get some committees set up for the different events. He'll bring in the wall calendar next month and we'll start putting down events we now know are set. We'll need to get a commemorative booklet put together to give out to residents, showing events for the 2021-2022 celebration, including some photos as well.

A vote was taken to go into a Non-Public Session (RSA 91.A.3 II c) at 8:20 PM. Ed Stuart made a motion for the Committee to go into Non-Public Session; Rhonda Lamphere seconded his motion; all voted in favor. Went off-camera at 8:21 PM. A motion was made and approved to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session for two years.

After the closed session, the meeting briefly resumed at 8:27 PM.

Our next meeting is Wed., Feb. 20th at 7:00 PM. Meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. Feel free to come!

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ed Stuart seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary