

**CHESTER 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES FOR 10/18/17 MEETING**

Committee Chairman Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with four members in attendance: Jean Methot, Ed Stuart, Chris Hadik, Rhonda Lamphere.

No further action needed on Minutes from 9/20/17 meeting. Chris Hadik made a motion to accept the minutes as written. All approved.

Jean mentioned he had an e-mail from Ed Karjala about the 300th play regarding scanning it and putting it into a Word document so it could be copied off, giving us the ability to look it over and discuss it re any changes, etc. needed. Kathy Leclair will be the Director for the play. Chris Hadik said he knows some people who may be interested in being in the play. Jean will send him contact info for Kathy.

Chris Hadik and Rhonda Lamphere are still working on plans for the parade, organizing their thoughts and getting answers to concerns, etc.

Jean and Ed Stuart spoke again about possibly having a chili cook-off during the 300th - Chester Academy PTA typically runs a cook-off each year for the dads. This might be a good event to expand a little bit on for the 300th. Ed will speak to the PTA to see if they have interest in offering this for the 300th. We need to see about getting a month for the event that we could put on our "calendar".

Chris Hadik spoke about the need for the 18 month calendar and having a "work copy" that we could start jotting down events we currently are aware of. The calendar we will offer for the public will run from October 1, 2021 (starting with scarecrows) to September 10, 2022, ending with the annual town fair. We need all information for the calendar by the end of 2020 to get it printed in time. Also discussed again was the problem with sufficient parking for fair goers and for other large events. Parking at Wason Pond has been suggested with the possibility of hiring "buses" to shuttle people back and forth to the "fairgrounds", etc.

LOGO CONTEST: So far Jean has received only ONE entry for the logo contest.....the art teachers at Chester Academy are aware of the contest but want to offer it to all of their classes which meet over the course of the school year. However, we have a deadline of Dec. 31, 2017 for the contest and need all entries by that date. If we don't have a "winning" entry by then, perhaps we will need to "hire" someone to come up with a design. Jean will speak to Joe Castricone about getting some publicity on our local channel for the contest.

Rhonda Lamphere has spoken with Lynn Fawcett regarding a geo-caching event for the 300th. At this point, Lynn isn't certain she'll be around Chester at that time but she is willing to come to our next meeting (Nov. 15th) to speak to us about how this is done. Becky Hanna also has experience with geo-caching and will come with Lynn that evening. There are others who are familiar with this type of event that may be able to help if needed when we get to that point.

Jean will be discussing with the Historical Society about firming up what events they will be planning for the 300th. Further discussion is needed about the scarecrows and if they want to do a contest, etc. that year; having a "virtual house tour" of some of Chester's older homes; possible historical walking tour of Chester Street and maybe the cemetery.

Daffodil sales went very well and the bulbs are in, waiting to be sorted for distribution on Friday, Oct. 20th (6:00-8:00PM) and Saturday, Oct. 21st 9:00am - 12:00 noon) at the Public Works/Highway garage (old fire station) on Chester Street. Planting will be done week of October 23rd. Lunch will be paid for by the 300th Committee for workers that day.

As Chris Hadik has stated, we urgently need to get out to talk with groups around town (fire, police, PTA, Legion, etc.), before our Nov. 15th meeting, to see who is interested in participating with an event for the 300th, and when, to get them blocked into a month at least so we don't overlap with other things going on in town. Jean or Chris will talk to the fire dept. to see when they could go to one of their meetings and discuss it with the group. Ed Stuart will be speaking with the PTA at some point. Rhonda has spoken with the Legion about possibly doing a spaghetti supper event that year. Chris will bring in a "paper" calendar for us to work with. Having a "car show" (i.e., antique, muscle, classic, etc.) is still an idea we'd like to see - need to figure out where to have, parking, and who would run it.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

NEXT MEETING - WED. - NOV. 15TH - 7:00 PM in TV room at Municipal Offices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary