

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of FEBRUARY 6, 2014

The first meeting of the 2014 Old Home Day Committee was held in the Whitney Hall Conference room on February 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM. Those present were: Shelley Geoghegan (EVA), Shirley Green, Andrea Gilbert, Cindy Wells (Recreation Dept.), Jen Thody, Dolores Struckhoff, Executive Director, Enfield Shaker Museum, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Meredith Smith gave a brief review of the 2013 Old Home Days and introduced the new members

Band Concert: A lively discussion of possible events for OHD 2014 resulted in building on last year's successful events with several new ideas. Smith confirmed that the band concert would kick off the celebration on Friday evening (in Huse Park).

Chili Cook-off: The Methodist Church will also be doing the Chili Cook-off prior to the band concert. The church will also be doing a quilt show and craft fair on Saturday.

Community Dance: A lengthy discussion of the community dance resulted in the decision that it should be held in Huse Park on Saturday evening. If no affordable or borrowed tent can be found, the dance could be moved to the Community Building which has been reserved for OHD for the entire weekend. If at all possible, a tent and outdoor venue is preferred. Everyone thought Jim Hollis would be the best person to provide music for the dance. Meredith will contact him immediately to check on his availability and price for the dance. She will also ask Stephanie Beliveau to check with her fiancée about the possibility of borrowing the Lions Club tent. Other tent sources mentioned were Keith Nichols tents, Chief Geise's old tent, and Pro-Mania Tents.

Beer Tent: The idea of having a beer tent, similar to what they had at the 250th dance, was brought up as well. Everyone thought it was a nice addition. Meredith mentioned that Lori Bliss-Hill lost a lot of money hosting the beer tent and that we would probably have to find another vendor. The issue of paying police to be present needs to be addressed along with what type of liquor license would be necessary. Meredith will speak to Mickey about the possibility of Mickey's Roadside Café hosting the beer tent. Dolores will check with the Museum as to what the parameters are for the Museum's liquor license.

Athletic Events: Several possibilities were discussed as possible athletic events. They included a softball game (at Shaker Ball Field) and old fashioned games for children in the grassy area behind the bank and in Huse Park. Cindy Wells (from Recreation Committee) will bring these suggestions back to the Recreation Committee for discussion. It was agreed that since the Mascoma Man Marathon includes people from all over, it is not an event directly relevant to the people of Enfield and could not be considered part of the Old Home Days events.

Enfield Shaker Museum: Dolores Struckhoff, Executive Director of the Enfield Shaker Museum, proposed several things the museum would be doing on Sunday, July 27. All Enfield residents will be welcomed at the Museum with no admission charge and the new poplar ware exhibit will be featured. There will also be several demonstrations of interest in the West Brethren Shop. The possibility of costumed docents was also mentioned.

EVA Events: Shelley Geoghegan, representing the Enfield Village Association, said EVA will host an open house on Saturday at Greeley House, including a tour of the new EVA offices there. Also at the Greeley location (corner of Main and Shaker Hill Road) there will be a lemonade stand and bake sale. Everyone commented on how wonderful the Enchanted Island was that EVA sponsored last year. Shelley said Becky Powell would need a lot more help if it was to happen again this year. Both Jen Thody and Andrea Gilbert volunteered to help.

Chicken Barbeque: Meredith said she had not heard back from Fred Cummings regarding the chicken barbeque (Saturday evening) hosted by the fire Department but hoped they would be doing it again this year. She will contact Fred again.

Ice Cream Social: The Enfield Library will once again host an Ice Cream Social on Saturday afternoon. Beth Felix has again offered to do face painting for the children and other pre-schools have expressed an interest in hosting children's activities. Shelley will contact the Kids View Academy to see if they are interested in participating in Library children's events.

Flea Market: A lengthy discussion regarding what might happen in Huse Park following the Farmer's Market in the morning resulted in the suggestion of a flea market. Shelley mentioned that EVA might possibly run the flea market as a small fund raiser.

Shaker Mountain Hike: The Conservation Commission will be invited to host the Shaker Mountain Hike. Meredith will contact Allen Strickland to lead it again. There were about 15 participants last year.

Funding and Fund Raising: Meredith mentioned that the Old Home Day Expendable Trust had been created with a balance in the fund of just over \$200. Shirley Green will start immediately to work on fund raising. It was suggested that various categories be established for program ads and sponsorships. Everyone thought this was an excellent idea. It was also pointed out than no porta potties will be needed to rent this year, thus a saving of \$200.

Program: A discussion of the program was tabled for now.

PR/Promotion: Stephanie Beliveau's name was suggested as a good person to head up publicity. Meredith will contact her and ask if she might be willing to do this.

Meeting Dates: The first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM was decided on as the best date and time for future meetings. See you next month on March 5!

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair