

# Old Home Days Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 6, 2019 at 5:30PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

In attendance: Kristin Harrington, Lindsay Smith, Shirley Green, Lori Bliss Hill, Stephanie Hill, Rob Bassett, Dan Harrington, Ron Hill

Guests: Jason Hill, Tracy Hill, Scott Gerlach

Meeting started at 5:35 pm

## **Membership Review**

All members up for renewal for 2019 (Ron, Kristin, Lori, Lindsay) will renew their terms. Jason and Tracy Hill will also be recommended for membership, with Scott Gerlach continuing in a volunteer capacity. He understands that he will be a non-voting member.

## **Discussion**

Rust and Ruin (formerly DV8) is willing to return to provide music for the car show at a cost of \$350. They had previously played the Home Brew and Chili Cook-Off event, but the acoustics in the Community Building (CB) make it difficult for the event participants to hear, so it would be better to have background music only. The committee voted to secure them with a 7-1 majority in favor.

The Shaker Museum, under the new direction of Phil Walz, is still willing to host the craft show. Kristin had a conversation with Phil, and his main concerns are that all food vendors are properly insured. He also had some concerns about parking on museum grounds, suggested instead that we use Keene Medical or La Salette. Kristin gave some pushback, and was also contacted by Anna who assured us that we would be able to continue as we did last year. It was decided that we would leave the location as is for now, and have further discussions with Phil to ensure all needs were met before a final call was made in May.

There was a discussion about the parade. Some members feel that it has gotten sparse, and with so many in the parade, there are little spectators. This could be due to the time of year, the proximity to Canaan's OHD, it seems unclear. Other ideas of events to take its place included a kid's bike parade around Huse Park and more activity around the community picnic. The committee ultimately voted 6-2 in favor of not holding a parade for the 2019 season.

2018 fundraising efforts left us with a current balance of \$4,426.27 in the account. Aside from our usual expenses, we discussed some wish list items, including a fourth pop-up tent, a snocone machine, a popcorn machine and a PA system. Scott pointed out that it might be better to rent a PA system for the weekend rather than purchase something we'd have to store and maintain for a year in between. The committee voted in favor of purchasing a new tent and a snocone machine, and in favor of renting the PA system. Scott

was to send information on rental contacts. Rob was tasked with finding a new tent. The snocone machine will be further discussed at a subsequent meeting.

The committee also unanimously voted to do another mass mailing of the schedule of events.

Last year's schedule of events was discussed briefly. Tracy and Stephanie would confirm the band concert with the Lioness. The Ice Cream social and the Conservation Hike would go on, confirmed by Shirley. No other events are yet confirmed.

Lastly, it was discussed and decided that we do not need a table presence at Town Meeting, but Tracy would ask the Lionessess if we could place some of our magnets on their table.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

**Next meeting – Wednesday March 6, 2019 at Whitney Hall, 5:30PM**