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300<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee

Special Meeting

Veteran's Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:00pm

Present: Carrie Cichocki, Pat Slattery, Brenda Simons, Amber Wakeley, David Bartlett, Paul Burns, Donna Wright, Carol Arnold, Becky Kraussmann, and Ann Rosi

1. Quorum not established
2. Special meeting minutes from April 22, 2019 tabled until next meeting due to quorum not being met
3. Vivaldi Gloria Concert- May 19<sup>th</sup>- Amber mentioned the previous discussion of \$250 for cost of chamber ensemble, inquired if 300<sup>th</sup> members can bring desserts for reception following the concert, possibly selling 300<sup>th</sup> memorabilia at reception & distributing information on upcoming 300<sup>th</sup> events
4. Beautification Committee- Donna Wright presented a Garden Club co-sponsored Curbside Appeal juried gardening contest. Announcement of the winners will be following the clock dedication at 1pm on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be three winners for each of the four categories- Young Gardener, Small Space Garden, Flower Garden, and Vegetable Garden. Awards would be \$100 grant prize, \$75 second place, and third Place \$50. The source of the funds for prizes is to be to be discussed. Business owners and homeowners in Stafford would be eligible. Professional landscaping would be disqualified. Registrations online by June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - A. Foster Hill Farm will have thirty 14 inch planters that the Garden Club will have downtown. Planters are \$50 each and Foster Hill Farm will be donating \$10 for every sale- limited supplies. Foster Hill may be open until the end of June. Garden's Dream in Enfield also has the color scheme of the 300<sup>th</sup> planters.
5. Living History Event- June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-4pm in Heritage Park, 3 Stafford Street. This will be a talk about the life of Loyalist soldiers during the Revolutionary War era. Amber mentioned that it would be a good idea incorporate Stafford's history specifically into the event. David Bartlett stated that the schoolhouse can be utilized as it is currently managed by The Stafford Historical Society. Amber inquired if historical photos be used or mini presentations. Brenda Simons mentioned that tour of cemetery on Furnace Hollow Rd might be interesting. Amber stated that Back Roads BBQ will be selling food items during the presentations. Amber is looking into the possibility of elementary students to possibly obtain extra credit for attending.
6. Marketing – to be discussed at the next meeting direct mailing as a postcard to advertising supplement- *Wicked Good News* for 6 months (same cost including Somers and Stafford)

7. Open Discussion-

- A. Town-wide cleanup event last month brought in 2,600 lbs of garbage which was collected over 35 miles of roads covered
- B. November 9, 2019-Amber mentioned that Laurie Dillon inquired if the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee could cover the cost of the \$150 license fee- for production of *Our Town* community auditions will be in June.
- C. After the parade party in September- Amber mentioned having a- blacksmith and 'early colonial America' exhibits. There will be 2 stages one for music and one for Stafford presentations (history, etc.), a car show, possibly a baking contest, vegetable contest, etc.
- D. October 12<sup>th</sup>- Civil war re-enactment event will be in Hyde Park near the monument
- E. October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – historical exhibit of Stafford's history will be in Memorial Hall. Paul Burns mentioned that setup would start on October 16<sup>th</sup> and takedown on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also described different exhibits such as the Stafford Agricultural Fairs, trolley information, Main Street through the years, etc. He will be looking into a way to advertise if residents would like to donate items.
- F. July 20<sup>th</sup> Trolley Tour. The goal is to have 5 or 6 tours starting in the morning. Tickets will be sold for specific times. Clock dedication in the middle of the day.
- G. Pat Slattery inquired if the Committee will be involved in Farm Day the Sunday following Labor Day in September- more to be discussed.
- H. Memorial Day parade- Amber mentioned that Amy will be designing the 300th float
- I. Set next meeting date- to be determined, possibly in 1-2 weeks
- J. Adjournment-7:13pm

Regards,



Carrie Cichocki