

300th Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Veteran's Room, 6:00pm

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Present: Amber Wakely, Faye Scussell, Carol Arnold, Jean Beckley, Paul Burns, Dave Bartlett, Brenda Simons, Donna Wright, Beth Magura, Carrie Cichocki, Blake Hatch, Jamie Furness and Richard Hartenstein

1. **Establish Quorum and call meeting to order-** Quorum was established and chair, Amber Wakely, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm
2. **Review and approve special meeting minutes from September 16, 2019-** Richard Hartenstein made a motion to accept the minutes, Blake Hatch seconded the motion, unanimously approved by all members.
3. **Civil War Living History- October 12th-** discussion of activities and event schedule- The event will be held in Hyde Park near the ballpark from 9am-4pm next weekend. Setup will begin the night before in the park. Grace Episcopal Church will be having their Apple Fest the same day and Amber Wakely stated that there will be cross promotions of both events. The Historical Society will also be open.
4. **Museum Exhibit and Historical Trolley Tour**
 - Event updates- October 20th, the museum exhibit has been moved to the Historical Society. A trolley display will be a featured exhibit. The family history / genealogy display from the exhibition hall at the party on September 21st will also be used in the Historical Society.
 - Trolley Tour- ticket sales will be soon- The tours will be the same route as last time per Dave Bartlett. Four trips will be available- selling 30 tickets per ride with each tour being about 1 ½ hours. Amber will follow up with the senior center regarding reserving a tour for them. The tour times will be 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, and 1:30pm.
5. **Scarecrow contest and/or Trick-or-Treat on Main Street participation discussion-**the group discussed ideas for a simple 300th Committee scarecrow to be added to the competition on Main St. The Trick-or-Treat event on Main St will be October 26th or rain date on the 27th from 4pm-6pm and participants arrive before the road closure. The group will need to purchase candy in advance and can also use the opportunity to sell 300th merchandise. Donna Wright stated that the voting of the scarecrows will take place the same day as well which will draw a good crowd.
6. **First/Future Night-** event planning- last year there was bonfire, ice carvers, food vendors, tractor / sleigh rides through Hyde Park, and music. The group discussed having similar events and also a wood carver which would produce a lasting item. Richard Hartenstein stated he would like to come up with a budget to see if the group can hire an ice carver and a wood carver for this event. He will look into quotes for both. Paul Burns mentioned that we should also have a sled decorating contest.
7. **Open discussion-** the group discussed other items that need completing such as the patio (\$3,500 left to do) and bronze plaque near the clock which may be unveiled on First Night or after. The group also discussed what type of items will be buried in the time capsule such as

minted coins from Stafford Savings Bank, possibly a photo book of 300th events also including brochures and tickets. Further discussion to take place at a later meeting. Jamie stated that the Music Boosters asked the 300th committee meeting to put together a raffle basket for *Our Town's* performance.

8. **Adjournment and Set Next Meeting-** Next meeting on Wednesday, October 16th. Richard Hartenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm, Brenda Simons seconded the motion; unanimously agreed upon by all members.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Cichocki".

Carrie Cichocki