

KILLINGWORTH 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the 350th Anniversary Commemorative Committee was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Lucinda Hogarty in the Town Office Building.

The following members were present: Lucinda Hogarty, Lewis Scranton, George Dupree, Les Riblet, Carl Nord, Tom Lentz, Mike Parahus, Charles Smith, Franco Piscitelli, Linda Dudek, Andrea Freibauer and Michelle Adametz. Absent: Fie Budzinsky. Cathy lino arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Visitors: Gregg Wind and Tom Keyes (Lion's Club members)

Tom made the motion to approve the March 1st minutes as presented; seconded by Charlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Les reported that the town budget is in the hands of the Board of Finance and a hearing will be held on the proposed budget.

George reported that Dan Perkins will contact the HKHS audio department to inquire on audio/visual recording of the Cowboy Valley Program. George researched the program that was presented by the Historical Society sixteen years ago. He listed numerous items for consideration by the committee: programs, posters publicity, refreshments, decorations, displays, music, name tags and sheriff badges. A lengthy discussion took place. The committee will need to check on the availability of the HKMS for this event, tentatively scheduled for the evening of April 7, 2017. There would be no admission fee and no refreshments would be served. Tom thought a display at the Parmelee Farmhouse would be appropriate. We could reproduce and enlarge several of the Cowboy Valley photos that are in the Historical Society archives to display at the program and George offered to display artifacts that are in his personal collection.

Linda noted that no further contacts have been received for Killingworthies. She suggested this might be included in the scavenger hunt, which would encourage students to learn about the town from life-long residents.

Tom spoke to Karen Milano regarding articles in the Krier at no cost. The articles would be limited to 400 words which Tom stated would only be a paragraph and too short to contain any substance. Tom will inquire what the fee would be for longer articles. He is currently working on a time line for the booklet and the website.

Andie stated that the Killingworth Woman's Organization will assist with the parade. They will also assist with the sale of items related to the 350th Anniversary that could help defray our costs. A brief discussion on the proprietary use of the logo ensued. The committee agreed that we should have final approval on the logo use. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Michelle asked for a determination on the parade route. It was agreed that the parade did not need to terminate at the Parmelee Farm. It was suggested that the parade begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic would be scheduled for noon. A lengthy discussion on the route took place regarding various pros and cons of a starting point and route. After much discussion it was proposed to have the procession begin at the Pharmedica complex, pending approval, and terminate at KES. Michelle inquired whether we would have entry fees for businesses and floats. Franco suggested having sponsors for covering the costs of Fife and Drum Corps and awards for floats. It was the consensus of the committee to charge businesses a fee to enter considering it was for advertising but non-profits would be free. Michelle also asked the committee for feedback on vintage vehicles and animals. Linda suggested the committee make a policy for the parade regarding animals being last in the parade and under the control of owners at all times. Charlie suggested a "fly over" of vintage planes. We will revisit the parade suggestions and details at future meetings.

Mike has compiled a list of contacts for publicity purposes.

Gregg distributed copies of letterhead he made using the new logo. Cathy volunteered to set up an email address for the committee at the town hall. She will ask Elizabeth Disbrow, the Administrative Assistant, to monitor it for the committee.

Carl discussed participation of KES students in the 350th Anniversary. His wife, Ann, will meet with school administrators to make suggestions for the K- 4th graders, including drawings, posters, dioramas, poetry and dolls. The students would be required to write a paragraph describing their project and how it ties in with any part of our 350 year history. The projects will be judged by other teachers from town and certificate awards would be given.

Gregg suggested teacher Phil Devlin might present a program on Killingworth war veterans.

Charlie distributed a draft letter to TD Bank seeking financial support for the 350th celebration expenses. The committee agreed that Charlie deliver the letter to the bank manager.

It was noted that Scott Chasse has memorabilia on the founding of the Boy Scouts since 1955 that he would like to donate. The Scouts would also like to be involved in the 350th activities.

George asked about a time capsule. After a brief discussion, it was decided to explore this subject further at a future meeting.

Cathy stated she could get proclamations from politicians and dignitaries.

Gregg distributed a letter from the Lion's Club requesting approval of their involvement in the Town Picnic. Lew made the motion to accept their offer, seconded by Carl. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Linda M. Dudek, Secretary