

Scarborough 350th Anniversary Committee
Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2008
7:00 PM, Scarborough Town Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Present were Annalee Rosenblatt, Alan Cardinal, Johnna Dionne, Dale Temm, Brian Dell'Olio, Lisa Downing, John McDonough, Helene Plourde, Bill Reichl, Susan Higgins, Hannah Libby, Pat Dunn and Judi Clancy.

2. Secretary's Report

The minutes of the November 11, 2007 meeting were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Alan Cardinal reported that the Town is now handling all the money the Committee receives and he is awaiting a report from the Town.

4. Chair Update

. Annalee Rosenblatt reported:

a. The book is selling well. The Committee has received \$25,490 in income from sales of the book and there is \$10,000 in invoices outstanding.

b. The maps are being sold at Shirley's Hallmark and the committee is receiving all of the profit on the sales. Shirley's has sold 25 maps and has 31 available. To date 110 maps have been ordered.

c. A retail group is being organized to develop merchandise and have it sold through local retailers. If anyone has ideas for this let the Chair know.

d. The Committee will present its budget to the Town Council in February.

5. Event Planner's Update

The Committee's event planner, Judi Clancy reported:

a. A draft schedule of the events for the celebration has been put together and Judi reviewed it with the Committee. It is a work in process and will be revised as matters progress.

b. The usual road race organizer has not responded and she is looking for assistance as she has someone who is ready to sponsor the race.

c. She met with Time Warner cable about movies in the park and they will get back to her about what they can do.

d. Bob Norrell, a Scarborough resident and a native American is working on putting together a pow-wow for the celebration.

e. The Civil War encampment group will make a decision at the end of January as to whether they will participate in the 350th celebration.

f. There is a need to line up food vendors for the celebration weekend.

g. Guy Gledhill has offered the use of a hot air balloon. The committee needs to let him know if we want it and if so for Saturday or Sunday (it is not clear whether it is available for both days). There was discussion as to whether there would be a charge for rides in the balloon and if so how much the charge would be.

h. A decision needs to be made by the end of February as to whether to engage the Portland Symphony to perform at the celebration.

i. The Town's DARE officer contacted Judi about having a carnival (rides like Smokey's Greatest Shows) as part of the celebration. Judi understands that it can't be held in Town property, but has some ideas of where it might be located. Susan Higgins stated she was not in favor of a carnival as she doesn't think it fits with the concept of the weekend. Hannah stated she thought teenagers and kids would like it. The committee agreed to continue the discussion on a carnival.

j. The committee needs to discuss what to do on July 14 – the actual date of incorporation. There was discussion about an official ceremony at Town Hall, burial of a time capsule and honoring sponsors of the event.

k. There have been discussions with groups about a community cook out as part of the celebration.

l. Judi requested that committee members check the web site once a week and let her know if they have any suggestions, updates or corrections.

6. Committee Reports

a. Entertainment

Johnna reported that the plan is to have the entertainers perform in the gazebo in Memorial Park. She has been in contact with Art Dillon regarding what the Chamber is going to have for entertainment so as not to duplicate what they are doing. Johnna reported that she is looking for entertainment that will appeal to a wide variety of

ages. The plan is to have music every other hour. We will need to make decisions soon on some groups because of scheduling. Johnna reported that she is considering Castlebay, Wavelength, the Dave Rowe Trio and Matt Hale and the Old Time Radio Gang as entertainment. Johnna reported she is looking for a headliner for Saturday night that would appeal to teens.

b. Celebration Village

Lisa Downing reported that a number of groups, including Scarborough Fish and Game and Maine Audubon, have agreed to participate in the village. Plans under consideration include demonstrations such as clam shucking, decoy carving, wild game cooking, rug hooking and etc.

c. Parade

Dale Temm reported that Barbara Hough has joined the parade committee. Barbara has been the organizer of the Yarmouth Clam Festival parade. Dale reported that the committee has a parade sponsor – Norway Savings Bank. John McDonough reported that he has spoken to the University of Maine horse drill team and they are interested in participating. Dale Temm stated that there is a focus on getting floats in the parade and getting individuals involved. Dale also reported that they are considering a bi-plane and/or parasailing for a 350th event.

d. All Class Reunion

Brian Dell'Olio reported the committee met at the High School to get a sense of the space available to them for their events. The committee has created a blog and anyone can contribute to it. The committee is looking at the gym for the dance and at the cafeteria for a gathering place. The committee has approached the Debate Club and the Academic Decathlon about handing refreshments for the all class reunion.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 12, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

