

Minutes of the 300th Committee
November 27, 2018

Present: Mike Bascom, Mary Bonser, Rhoda Capron, Dottie Dyer, Bill Garnett, Nancy Reagan , Steve Welch and later Teresa Bascom

The minutes of the November 1 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

The 300 table at the election was a big success. Lots of people stopped by and over 40 people signed up indicating they were interested in being involved with the planning.

The 300 Committee also had a table at the Homemade Holiday Craft fair sponsored by the Nottingham Recreation Department. Though some felt the location wasn't the best, we did sell \$250 worth of t-shirts and hats. Rhoda had prepared a craft for children to do but there was no interest so she put it away.

Holiday Parade – Steve W. is getting two colonial costumes from the Masons. Steve Soreff has volunteered to wear one of the costumes and hold one side of the banner for the parade. Depending on the size of the costume either Steve W. or Mike Bascom will wear the other costume and hold up the other end of the banner. Mary volunteered to hand out flyers and some one will do the other side. Rhoda will check with Dawn Fernald to see if she has come up with a craft for the gift making workshop after the parade and if she needs some volunteers to help at the table. We also are donating a raffle tree with gifts for the fundraiser. Teresa bought the tree, Steve W. and Rhoda assembled it and it was decided to decorate it before the parade. We will meet at 9:00 am that morning. Nancy and Dottie have some decorations and gifts to put on the tree as well as a star for the top.

Nottingham Square Tree Lighting – It turns out there is no electricity near the tree we would have liked to light, so there will be no tree lighting program there this year. We will look into it for future years.

Ornaments – Steve W. contacted NH Pewter and found out that there was not enough time to order ornaments for this year. The contact there suggested that we consider them commemorative items rather than ornaments so we can sell them year round. Also the first quarter of the year is a slow season for them so if we order between January and March we can get them made for \$8 each rather than the usual \$12. Because of set up costs you must order 200. There was consensus that this was a good deal and we should go ahead and do this. Bill suggested we let people know that there is a limited number made and when they're gone, they're gone so we don't get stuck with extra unsold ones. Assuming the success of next year's order, we would continue to offer different designs each year leading up to 2022.

Eat and Meet – This will take place on Saturday, January 26 from noon to 2 pm. Postcards have been passed out and will continue to be distributed. Rhoda will place an article for the upcoming Community Newsletter about it. It will include bringing a dish to share, your family, ideas and any old photos. Rhoda suggested having breakout tables based on interests and facilitated by various members of organizations in town. For example sports events – maybe some one from the NYA, natural assets – some one from Conservation Commission, events for kids – maybe a teen involved with Recreation, historical events – a Fernald or some one from the Historical Society. Steve W. suggested that after the break out groups, that every one would get together to share their ideas. There was discussion of having a powerpoint with old photos of Nottingham. Teresa suggested having pop-up questions about Nottingham interspersed between the photos. We have to find photos and maybe take some photos of

significant old buildings in Town.

New Business:

A third grade teacher from Nottingham has expressed interest in getting the third grade students involved in the 300th celebration. Steve W. has contacted the school to try and get them interested in getting the students excited about it. He thought maybe we could have a whole school assembly with a speaker. Rhoda offered to talk to the teacher and see what ideas they could come up with.

Quilters – The town quilting guild has offered to make a quilt for the celebration. They would like to make one quilt that was commemorative of the town that would hang in a public space and would be willing to make one to be raffled to raise money for the celebration as well. The committee agreed two quilts would be great.

Budget – The Selectmen have requested the committee give them a budget for next year. We came up with the following:

\$600 for purchasing the food for the summer concerts. There are going to be 6 concerts next summer.
\$2500 - We plan to buy 150 more t-shirts and 50 more hats. We also would like to buy the pewter commemorative pieces and perhaps other items.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rhoda Capron