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MINUTES
ELIOT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 19, 2019
WILLIAM FOGG LIBRARY
5:00 PM

PRESENT: Gene Wypyski (Eliot Festival Day); Margaret Morse (John F. Hill Grange); Diane Reppucci and Anne Shisler (School); Lydia Goodwin (William Fogg Library); Jan Cerabona and Rosanne Adams (Eliot Historical Society)

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Murphy (Selectboard); Wendy Rawski (town liaison)

ABSENT: Kim Booker (Bank - out of town)

BUSINESS

CALENDAR PROGRESS & UPDATE

1. GUNDALOW: Anne reported that she was asked to check back in March with the Company about a July date.
2. SCHOOLS: Jan Cerabona reported Mike Zamarchi is the Bicentennial co-ordinator for the schools in the district. She has spoken with him and hoped he would be at the meeting today. The music teacher at the Middle School is looking have the students study historical pictures and write songs about what they see. Jan She has also given the 1820 Maine map and the Greenleaf Primer reprint to all the schools for their use.
3. WOODEN EVENT TOKENS - discussed was the number of different tokens. The following list was AGREED upon and that TWO (2) sets of tokens would be kept in reserve for additional venues/sponsors.
 - a. Town Office
 - b. William Fogg Library
 - c. John F. Hill Grange
 - d. Eliot Historical Society
 - e. Schools
 - f. Businesses
 - g. #8 Schoolhouse
 - h. Eliot Festival Day
4. GRANTS - Lydia and Jan agreed to get together and work on the grants. First grant period applications are due September 1. Rosanne will get info re: cost of wooden nickel tokens for grant inclusion. There was discussion re: the accepting of grants and

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their dispersal. Wendy will check on the procedure of the town and see that the process is set up.

5. USE OF MAINE BICENTENNIAL LOGO - Wendy has passed on the information the application will be filed by Jan/Lydia. It was AGREED that they should ask for "blanket" approval for the use of all the activities planned for the year and that we will use the Town Seal, as well.
6. GRANGE- Margaret reported that letters will be going out inviting people to participate in a "Farmer's Market" this year, at the Grange, on Eliot Festival Day. Space will be offered FREE. Time: 8-1.
7. FACEBOOK PAGE - Diane reported she has set up a page and is working on the finer details.
8. TOWN WEBSITE - Wendy reported that the page for the committee has been set up and she will also post anything received to the STATE site also.
9. SCHOOLS- Ann reported that the Elementary School will welcome Maine authors Chris Vandusen in January and in March Lynn Plourde to work with the children. This November Wreaths Across America will visit and it is hoped that the children will be able to take a "road trip" to their stop at the Kittery Trading Post in December as they pass through the area. The Seacoast Science Center will be presenting a program on Lobstering. There will be a school presence in the upcoming Eliot Festival Day parade. Lee Petrie will be attending a geography conference in November and will be doing something with the children using maps.
10. ELIOT FESTIVAL DAY - Jan proposed honoring the recipients of the Fabyan Drake Award in some way - perhaps setting up seating at the reviewing stand for them this year and then next year honoring by having members of the family invited to the special seating. It was suggested that participants could be given special ribbons to wear. Wendy suggested including the Boston Post Cane recipients in this as well.
11. WILLIAM FOGG LIBRARY : Douglas Woods' Story Walks - Lydia reported that the first book will be up for September and changed out each season. Diane was thinking about having the children at the school take the walk. It was noted that they would have to do before or after hunting season and should encourage families to do it on Sunday, during that period. The Library is all set for the winter read of "Mostly My Maine" by Walter Staples and is ready to accept and promote the loan of the first of Eleanor Pearsall's scrapbooks in September.

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12. INVOLVEMENT of POLICE/FIRE/COMMUNITY SERVICE: Anne will discuss with Police Department and Jan will contact Fire and Community Service departments to garner their involvement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jack questioned as to how we might involve our Conservation Commission in looking at our public parks history and doing something to promote/involve these areas as part of the celebration.
2. Gene asked about sponsorships for fireworks and other activities. At this time we have not had anyone come forward to sponsor, nor have we done an active campaign.

NEXT MEETING - It was AGREED to set the meeting for the 3rd Monday - September 16 at 5:00 pm, William Fogg Library.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rosanne M. Adams, Sec.