

Old Home Day Committee

Meeting, March 9, 2023

Submitted by Andi Riel

- Called to order at 6:30pm
- Adjourned at 8:40pm
- Next Meeting Wed, April 12, 6:30pm, Community Center

- Present: Andi Riel, Mark Riel, Minni Plante, Melissa Babcock, Jaime Koladish, Kathy Kelley, Adam Gauthier

*Old Home Day Date confirmed for Sat, July 22, 2023 and Theme of the day "Red, White and Blue- It's All Up To You!"

Andi is checking with Roberta Maxfield to see if Park St. Baptist Church would like to sponsor breakfast that morning.

***DUSTIN PARK–**

1. VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR

Adam is taking the lead on the Vendor/Craft fair.

We discussed time frame – 9-1pm

Charge for vendor space (10'x10') is \$25

Adam will create a registration form, checks will be made payable to Town of Pittsfield/Old Home Day

2. BUSINESSES

Levi volunteered to take lead on this (he was not present at this meeting – no report)

He will contact businesses to set up in Dustin Park (coordinate with Adam) and/or parking spots or along side of Main Street.

3. LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS

Minni will check with Leslie if she will contact them. If not, Minni will work on it

Groups will be able to set up in Dustin Park at no charge (coordinate with Adam)

4. MUSIC

Andi/Mark will contact Don Smith, Jackie Lee, Joe Pero to start with

Time frame – 9-10, 10-11, 11-parade, 12-1-ish

5. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Jujubee the Clown, Magician (Tricky Dick)- Mark will contact and book

Face Painter – Kathy Kelley will contact same person from last year

Carnival Games – Andi will check with Lions Club to see if they can run them. Jaime said she might be able to help with the games. Kathy mentioned that Joy Church may have some members that could help

Bubble Station – Andi has the supplies

Kids Craft Table – Jaime volunteered to organize this (and/or PTO to help). We'll be thinking of craft ideas. Andi has some supplies from past years

Porta-Potty needed. Adam will check his contacts and let Andi know

CAR SHOW

Melissa will check with the English Family to see if they have an interest in organizing the car show

Would potentially be on Main Street before the parade

KIDS BIKE PARADE

Jaime & Kathy volunteered to organize this. It would be at approximately 10:45am (before the parade).

Will need judges and prizes.

Check if Police still have Segway and if an officer is available to lead the bike parade

LITTLE RED WAGON THEATRE GROUP

Andi will contact. (hoping) They will be set up at the F.B. Argue Rec Area around 1pm

COOK-OFF- THEME is VERY BERRY BAKEOFF

Mark/Melissa reported that 4-H will man the Cook-Off Booth (as long as they can find 2 leaders to help)

Time will be from 9-11am for tasting and voting – winners will be announced after the parade

TOURS OF HISTORIC BLDGS

Andi will contact Town Hall, Police, PYW/Masons – to see if the buildings can be open for tours (to tie in with All Class Reunion – each of those buildings were previously schools)

Suggested that Scenic Theatre be open for tours - Andi will contact Meggin

Historical Society Building will be open

PARADE – Mark

Discussion about starting the parade at Broadway. Mark is checking with owners of businesses in that area to make sure we can use their parking lots etc.

Community Center can be open for bathrooms

Mark has contacted and booked Bektash Legion of Honor Color Guard, Hollis Band

Mark will contact Bektash Mini Monster Trucks

We need groups/organizations/businesses to be in the parade (confirmed to date: 4-H, Pool, Joy Church)

Will ask Joe D to contact area Police and Fire Depts to join the parade

Will ask Leslie to contact church for Invocation

Kathy Kelley will sing National Anthem

F.B. Argue Rec Area

will be open after the parade for the afternoon 12-5 (free swim)

Will possibly do a cookout from 12-3pm

DUCK RACE – Andi will check with Jay/Coach LaRoche if they will do it again at the F.B. Argue Rec Area

Trying to book LITTLE RED WAGON Theatre group to perform at 1pm

All Class Reunion will be held at Pittsfield High School from 2-5pm.

Chicken BBQ dinner from 5:30-7pm. (should be extra tickets – available for public)

DRAKE FIELD

National Anthem – Kathy Kelley

Citizen of Year Award (7:30/7:45pm)

Boston Post Cane Award – if applicable

Nevers Band will play at Drake Field (approx. 8pm for 1 hr) prior to Fireworks – Mark has booked them

Fireworks at Dusk

OTHER

Andi will contact Rotary to see if they will do the Friday Night Outdoor Movie

Caricature/Photo Booth- Adam will check his vendor contacts

We had some long time committee members retire last year and we would like to recognize them. Melissa volunteered to check for some items that might be more useful. We talked about getting plaques and also starting a Community Plaque where names can be added.

Some committee member's term has expired and needs to be renewed and new members – need to complete a Volunteer application and submit it to Cara at the Town Office. Andi will send forms to those who need one.