Pittsfield Old Home Day

Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2019

The meeting was held at the Vogt’s home and was called to order at 7pm.

Members Present – Andi & Mark Riel, Louie & Patty Houle, Judy Webber, Harry & Leslie Vogt, Joe Darrah, Tina & Roger Metcalf & Kathy Kelley.

The date is set for July 13, 2019 for Pittsfield Old Home Day. The theme for OHD this year is “Christmas in July”.

1. New Member forms – Reminder that Volunteer application forms for new members need to be completed and returned to Cara at the Town Hall.
2. Jay Darrah called in to discuss the Color Run fundraiser that the Booster Club and PES PTO would like to do on OHD. The OHD committee thought it was a great idea and approved the event. Jay will forward the information to Andi to include in the advertising/program.
3. **Ideas and Activities** for the day were discussed:

* **Outdoor Movie** –The Rotary Club will sponsor the outdoor movie on Fri night, July 12 at Drake Field. The name of the movie had not been selected yet.
* **Community Fair** – Leslie reported that the Registration forms for the crafters and organizations were ready and she has contacted people from last year and will submit the forms to be posted on the town website.
* **Kids Craft Table** – Andi will coordinate this
* **Face Painting** – Leslie confirmed the face painter was signed up.
* **Carnival Games** – Andi will coordinate – will check with the Lions Club to man the booth. Andi is checking if there are any leftover prizes.
* **Dunk Tank** – Cub Scouts did own the dunk tank. Andi will check with Mike Wolfe who had the tank. If the cubscouts are not interested in running the dunk tank Kathy Kelley mentioned that Joy Church Youth group might be interested.
* **JuJuBee the Clown** – Mark will contact

1. **Car Show** – Eli advised the committee that he would not be able to run the car show- he will be away that weekend. Joe D offered to run it. We will need to update Car Show Flyer. $5 Vouchers for car show participants will be needed. (Andi will get from Denise)
2. **Touch-A-Truck** – In addition to the Car show, it was discussed to add a few trucks for the kids to be able to sit in/touch etc. Joe will contact the Fire Dept and Town Hwy Dept. Roger may bring a tractor.
3. **Cook-Off** – This year the Cook-Off theme will be CHRISTMAS COOKIES. Mark confirmed that the 4-H club will man the booth again this year. Andi will put a notice in the Towncrier and also post info on FB, town website.
4. **Duck Race** – Heidi Hall confirmed she & the Girls B-Ball team will sponsor this again. Kathy K offered to sell tickets from Epping Well if needed.
5. **Fireworks** – Mark has contacted Atlas to start the contract process. He will be coordinating this with the FD.
6. Joe will contact area Fire and Police Dept to invite them to participate in the parade.
7. **Santa’s Village** – Louie has contacted them to see if there are any decorations we could borrow for the day. He will follow up with them before the next meeting.
8. **Cookie Walk** – the Friends of the Library are discussing holding a cookie walk. Andi or Leslie will contact them for more information.
9. Entertainment

* Don Smith will be contacted for the 9am time slot (Mark)
* Jackie Lee will be contacted to see if she is available. We will move her to the Gazebo instead of on Main Street. (Mark)
* Blue Note Big Band (Swing band)- contacted us to see if we were interested in hiring them (Mark will follow up with them for prices etc..) possibly to be in the parade.

1. Other ideas for the day:

* **Foam or Bubble machine** (Mark will contact Taylor Rental to see if they have anything)
* **Everett Arena** – contact them if they have snow/ice – this was discussed again – not sure it will work with trying to get the snow from Concord to Pittsfield in July!
* **Snowball fight** – Andi will contact Minni/Parks & Rec- we think they may have a Snowball Toss Game – request to borrow it. We talked about using white water balloons for snowballs but decided it would be too much of a mess.
* **“Santa”** for the day – Andi will contact Bob G. (does the Santa for the Chamber). Tina will contact a friend (Val) that had another Santa.
* **~~Bell Choir~~** from First Congregational Church – Leslie reported that the bells will be out being tuned and not available for this event.
* **House Decorating contest** – We decided to change this to be a **TOMATO CAGE “TREE”** decorating contest. Use tomato cages as base – bring them to Drake Field at Fireworks, power will be available we will need powercords– public will vote- $50 cash prize to winner
* **Light the Tree in Dustin Park** –Joe D or Louie will light the tree the week before (July 6 – 13)
* **Reindeer T-shirts**, Santa hats for the committee – Judy will check?
* **Letters For Santa** – Discussed having kids send letters to Santa. Then have elves send a reply with stamp from North Pole. Leslie will check with PO if we can put a Special Mailbox in the lobby. Tina will supply the stamp and stationery. She will check with Boys & Girls Club to have them send responses. Judy will decorate the special mailbox.
* **Train decoration** –Louie to check with Laurie Houle (it is stored at her house) – possibly the train can go on the OHD float?
* **Reindeer/Miniature horses with Antlers?** – Kathy K will check with John Cotton
* **Pictues/Elf Cutout frame** – We have a cutout that we use at Tree Lighting event – people can take their own pictures.
* **Sleigh** (for pictures too) – Andi will check with Sam Locke.
* **Smokey Bear** (75th Birthday) – Leslie reported that she (on behalf of the library) had applied to the contest to have Smokey Bear visit on OHD (story hour in the morning, parade and throw first pitch at softball game.) Only 4 libraries will be chosen.
* **Paper Chain Garland –** Andi suggested that we should enlist the public to help make Paper Chain Garland to decorate Dustin Park – hanging it from light pole to light pole. Another suggestion was to make snowflakes to go with it. Andi will include this information in the Towncrier and also contact groups & organizations to help.

1. **Parade** – Mark is coordinating the parade. Registration forms will be updated and posted on town website.
   1. **Bands** – Hollis Band, Nevers Band have been contacted. Blue Note Big Band will be contacted to see if they are available for parade and what the cost is. Bektash Band has decreased the number of parades they march in – and are not available.
   2. **NHMS Trams** – Mark has reserved 2 trams. He will contact Cara-Town Hall for insurance info.
   3. **Bektash Mini Cars** – there was some discussion about their involvement last year in the parade. The committee wants them back -Mark will contact them.
   4. **OHD Float** – Judy & Ray will work on the float. WE will help them if they need us to!
   5. **Police/Fire Dept** – Joe will contact surrounding towns to invite them to participate in parade
   6. **Invocation** – Leslie has contacted Pastor Jeremey Everson, Park St. Baptist Church (each year it rotates to different churches)
   7. **National Anthem** – Kathy Kelley will sing the National Anthem before the parade
2. **Vendors**
   1. St. Stephen’s Church (hot dogs, popcorn) probably not doing baked goods this year. (OK)
   2. Larry Fried Dough (Mark contacted- OK)
   3. Rootbeer Floats (First Congregational Church (OK)
   4. Gelinas – Louie or Joe will contact her
3. **Advertising** – Without the Suncook Sun we need to spread the word about the event
   1. Sunday Concord Monitor – Pittsfield Towncrier
   2. Facebook
   3. Suncook Valley Concord Monitor (available at Danis)??
   4. Various Signs (Police Station, Fire Dept., Mike’s Meat Shoppe, Chamber Sign, School sign)

Next Meeting – Friday, June 14 at 6:30pm at Joe Darrah’s shop, Barnstead Rd.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm