

Bicentennial Committee Meeting –5/10/2022, Hooksett Library

C. Brown, V. Descharnais, J. Sullivan,

Others – K. Jacques, M. Wells, R. Duhamel

Outstanding Costs and Budget

- New Legacy Swing needs additional \$100 for sound
 - C. Brown moved, J. Sullivan seconded, so approved
- Needed to approve the cost of printing for Vietnam Wall programs - \$190
 - C. Brown moved, J. Sullivan seconded, so approved
- Cake costs for July 2nd from Shaws - \$240
 - J. Sullivan moved, C. Brown seconded, so approved
- The committee will write a new batch of letters to local businesses to ask for additional donations, to offset costs
 - Committee will ask Town Admin to write letters to Shaw's to get additional gift card donations to defray costs for July 2nd for refreshments and cakes

Vietnam Wall Recap

- Overall, event was successful and well-attended
 - Estimated attendance over 3,000 over the course of the event
- K. Jacques raised several issues with the organization of the event
 - Bicentennial Committee Banner did not get hung up
 - Committee agreed to be more organized with this and use banner for future events
 - Trash did not get picked up Sunday, overflowed, volunteers purchased trash bags and cleaned up the area
 - There was no worker assigned to Sunday for trash disposal
 - Committee discussed how to prevent this from happening at other events through pro-active planning
 - There were not enough volunteers / volunteers poorly organized
 - Committee members did not have visible presence
 - Volunteers did not have signifying clothing or other markers
 - Sign up sheets online did not work for marshalling efforts
 - Committee members discussed ideas for future events and to better organize marshalling efforts for volunteers
- R. Caruso will be honored at the next Council Meeting. Committee discussed ways to further honor his efforts.

Memorial Day Parade

- V. Descharnais is working on getting a horse and buggy

- Bicentennial banner will go on horse and buggy, or be marched by K. Jacques and M. Wells.

Concert Series

- Next show is the 19th – High Range
- Committee members will work on further social media marketing for concerts
- Committee members discussed who will introduce the bands

July 2nd Event

- J. Sullivan introduced car show flyer to distribute at coming shows for bicentennial car show on the 2nd
 - Fridays 5-8 in Nashua
 - Candia, 5-8
- We will need a larger stage
 - Began mapping out locations for vendors, stage, large tent
- Committee discussed need for seating, tables, refreshment, and shade
- The Army Band requires 2 cases of water and parking for their van
- Parking for event
 - Committee will investigate shuttle options
- Power – Committee will check with Old Home Day for more information as to how they run power
- J. Sullivan will reach out regarding trash collection
- Committee will investigate prices for portable toilets and additional vendors

Souvenirs

- Members approved designs and liked the souvenirs that have arrived, shirts and hats
 - Committee tentatively agreed to price at \$10 per hat, \$10 per shirt, pending final review of prices from vendor
 - Discuss offsetting of event costs with sales.

Next Meeting – Tentative Date, June 1, 2022 at Town Hall