

BELLINGHAM 300th ANNIVERSARY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2018; 6:30-8:00; Bellingham Library

- I. Update: Bellingham Old Home Days - Adam Thorell
 - A. Working on the July event - Friday afternoon through Sunday evening old style town fair
 - B. Committee Chair - Adam Thorell; Secretary - Cheryl Houle; Operations/Logistics - Steve Houle
 - C. Six sub-committees:
 - 1. Kids Events - Amy Robey
 - 2. Stage - Bev Pierce
 - 3. Fun Booths, etc. - Melissa Magill
 - 4. Athletics - Steve Linehan
 - 5. Craft Vendors - Sue Garten
 - 6. Food & Beverage - ????????? - looking for a chair
 - D. Currently working with the town to iron out safety and legal details
 - E. This is a venue for organizations to get involved - Bellingham Women of Today, the Lion's, etc.
 - F. We will need a lot of volunteers and organization to not over-tax the same organizations and business; Jenn Altomonte will coordinate a meeting with Adam Thorell and co-chairs to start listing out details and volunteer needs
- II. Update: Memorial Day Parade & Veteran's Day Activities - Jim Hastings
 - A. We will promote the Memorial Day Parade as a 300th event even though we won't be interfering with the traditional activities of Memorial Weekend in an attempt to get more attendance
 - B. Still working to coordinate the Marine Corps Military Detachment & the Vietnam Moving Wall
 - C. Veteran's Day ceremony will be hosted by the library then the committee will sponsor a 300th Committee Veteran's dinner; will merge this event with a similar event at the Senior Center as to not impose on traditional events; Jim Hastings has a committee of 7 people to help planning
- III. Virtual Town Store! - Kelly Loughman
 - A. Limited selection with affordability to get the ball rolling
 - B. Will be collecting feedback to update selections as time goes on
 - C. Still an interest in getting a pop-up store to be at various events throughout the year

- IV. Historical Commission - Marcia Crooks
 - A. Have a time capsule at the Historical Museum
 - B. Interested in possibly creating an event to open the old time capsule and sealing another one; space may be an issue since the inside of the museum is small
- V. StoryTale Doors - Christine Cooper
 - A. Businesses and stores are signing up and will create a door based on a book to attract foot traffic (samples displayed at meeting); have most schools and some businesses already committed
 - B. Most will be placed outside, some will be inside, and it becomes a scavenger hunt for kids
 - C. Email address: interested organizations can email bellinghamstorytaledoors@gmail.com
- VI. General Updates - Jenn Altomonte
 - A. Ecumenical Service: Jenn Altomonte coordinating a commemoration of the dedication of the original Town Hall; location may be the meeting room upstairs at the Old Town Hall (or other location TBD)
 - B. New Year's Eve: Bernadette Rivard coordinating a laser light show family event at the library (or other location TBD) then adult event in the evening
 - C. Senior Prom: BHS and BMS will work with Senior Center in June; looking for a chair for that event
 - D. Bellingham Day of Hope: September 15, 2019 - Pokemon Go on the Common, school floats, bands, veteran's organization, Oliva Fund, etc.; looking for a chair for that event
 - E. Glow Ball: Cindy McNulty coordinating a glow in the dark golf game at Bungay Brook with vintage signs; October 4, 2019
 - F. Pub Tour: Christine Cooper & Sarah Houle coordinating; Vendetti's Bus donated 2 free buses; 4 of 8 have committed; set fee to cover drinks and apps at each place;
 - G. Bellingham Ball - Ann Odabashin coordinating this for November 30, 2019; likely at Coachman's (or other location TBD)
 - H. Bellingham Celebrity Coffee - need a chair to coordinate recording interviews with families who have lived here for generations to post online for posterity
 - I. Bricks - Denis Fraine working to have bricks available for purchase (November) for the old police station second town common
 - J. BHS Reunions - Albert PIncince coordinates tri-annual reunions for class of 1939-64
- VII. Bellingham Gives Back - Tracy Myers
 - A. Will be collecting things to benefit the local community (ex: pasta dinners for local food pantry)

- B. Local businesses will have a drop box and that will be checked and collected; monthly updates in papers to publicize what we're doing
- C. Businesses can email bellinghamgivesback@gmail.com

VIII. Read-A-Thon - Bernadette Rivard

- A. Looking for a book about America in the 1700s - when Bellingham was founded
- B. Possibly a fundraising read-a-thon

IX. Kindness Rocks Project - Steve Fowler?; otherwise looking for chair

- A. Library will host paint-days for the project
- B. Locate a place to drop rocks off and pick rocks up

X. Sweet Treat Tour - Sandy Tracy

- A. Pay a set fee for a "passport" for visits to various ice cream or treat places throughout town
- B. Jenn will propose this to BBA to gauge interest

XI. Budget Update

- A. \$715 in our account right now
- B. Working with historical commission and other community members to develop walking tours, changing exhibits, etc.
- C. Applying for the scanning day event through Umass Boston
- D. Book Committee - reviewing the Crimpville Comments (started in early 1970s) to find photographs, chapter about the evolution of schools, possibly digitize the Bellingham yearbooks; 1939; exploring the vault; talking to parks and cemetery commission; history of churches and religious communities
- E. Looking for ideas unique to Bellingham (Bowdine - bobsleds for the olympics); things that are gone but not forgotten
- F. Thursday, November 15, 2018: public meeting re: Bellingham book
- G. Publicity flags for 300 Anniversary

To-Do:

- Chairs need to develop a budget to share with Cindy
- Follow up about Fox 25 Zip Trip