

DARRTOWN REUNION COMMITTEE
May 13, 2015 – 10:30 AM – E-Dot Park

In attendance:

Committee members: Betty Daniels, Jack Daniels, Joe Pater, Paul Gillespie, Fred Lindley, Ron Wiley, and Don Beckett.

SUMMARY

1. Fall Festival

a. Reports:

- i. Joe - vendors: Joe plans to delete the 2014 Bicentennial vendors who have not responded to several invitations.
- ii. Joe - parade: John Newman agreed to organize the parade.
- iii. Paul - electricity at E-Dot Park: Rick Gann may begin the renovation/installation at E-Dot Park next week. DISCUSSION: Ron reported that he has submitted a grant proposal to the Oxford Community Foundation, in hopes that funds for the electricity might be forthcoming.
- iv. Paul – sale of beer at E-Dot Park: One township trustee strongly objects to the sale of beer on township property; hence the Lutheran Church beer garden cannot be located within E-Dot Park. Paul will inform Duane Clark of this change in plans. Other nearby venues may be pursued.
- v. Paul - Festival parking and transportation: Paul said, if need be, West Street could be closed to traffic. DISCUSSION: While we anticipate that the Fall Festival will be smaller than last year's Bicentennial, this question arose: What if the Fall Festival attendance is equal to, or larger than last year? We realized that we might need to replicate the parking and transportation that we provided last year. To that end, Jack will check on that availability of the hay field at the end of Oxford Street. Jack reported that he has already checked and Izaak Walton would loan us two wagons for a "donation." Jack will investigate the availability of

tractors to pull such wagons. Paul will investigate whether the owner of horse-drawn carriage service might want to participate in the Fall Festival.

- vi. Ron – Financial report: Ron distributed copies of the most recent financial report. He also distributed copies of a statement, which he entered into the record as a motion, that we establish a second checking account at the Somerville Bank, in the name of the Darrtown Reunion Fund. Paul seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Fred - Cash donations: Two donations have been received. DISCUSSION: We agreed that we would solicit donations, as we did for the Bicentennial. The names of donors will be displayed on the Darrtown website and in the occasional Darrtown electronic newsletter. We will not list the amount donated, nor will we use categories of donations. A list of all donors will suffice. Don Beckett requested that a “donation letter” be developed for use when Committee members solicit donations. Fred agreed to design such a letter. Ron volunteered to print the “donation” letters.
- viii. Fred – Fall Festival activities: This continued a conversation at our last meeting. DISCUSSION: Support surfaced for two types of activities (a Corn Hole Tournament and a Skillet-Toss – for females only). Don Beckett agreed to serve as the coordinator of the Corn Hole Tournament. Fred, Betty, and Jack will coordinate the Skillet Toss. We need to find “managers” of each event.
- ix. Fred – Volunteers Meeting: This continued a conversation at our last meeting. DISCUSSION: We agreed to advertise and hold a volunteers meeting in mid-July.

2. Carry-over items from previous meetings:

- a. Ron – Village square lawn service: We have a contract with Team Green for this season. Ron has talked with Pat Cain about providing service beyond this season.

- b. Ron – Stone marker for the Milford Twp. Memorial Park: We are waiting on Jerry Jonas; it seems doubtful that the stone will be in place by Memorial Day.
- c. Ron – Benches in the village square: Ron has received commitments for two more benches. The benches will refer to the Lutheran Church and the Alston/Ogle families.

3. Other items of business?

- a. Maintenance of the village square; discuss the idea of hiring someone to regularly maintain the park. Tabled for future discussion.

4. Future meetings – dates, times, locations

- a. We plan to meet June 2 in E-Dot Park at 10:30 AM