

**SUMMARY ~ DARRTOWN REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 10, 2015 – 11:30 AM – Daniels residence**

In attendance: Don Beckett, Paul Gillespie, Joe Pater, Jack Daniels, Betty Daniels, Ron Wiley, and Fred Lindley

**1. FINANCES**

a. Financial report – Ron

i. Ron introduced two motions:

1. RESOLUTION 1: I move that we name John Newman, Treasurer of the Darrtown Reunion Committee. He will perform all accounting for the Committee. He will track the accounts, Darrtown Reunion Fund at the Somerville National Bank and the Darrtown Bicentennial Fund at the Oxford Community Foundation. He will be designated as a signee for making payments from the Darrtown Reunion Fund and authorizing payments by the Oxford Community Foundation from the Darrtown Bicentennial Fund. He will receive directions for making and authorizing such payments from members of the Darrtown Reunion Committee. He will report the status of these accounts upon requests from the Darrtown Reunion Committee, usually at each regular meeting of the Committee.

a. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION 2: I move that, for payments made from the Somerville National Bank Darrtown Reunion Fund, two signatures must be on the checks. Those who can sign, with John Newman's approval as Treasurer, are John Newman, Paul Gillespie and Ron Wiley.

a. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- ii. Ron reported no change in our balance since his last report to the committee. So, our balance stands at \$7,236.97.

b. Organizational Chart - for 2016 – Fred

- i. Fred will revise the chart to reflect John Newman's addition as committee treasurer and will email copies to all members.

**2. FALL FESTIVAL**

a. Activities to be included – Fred

i. After discussion, we reached consensus to include the following:

1. Corn hole tournament – Don Beckett, manager (We agreed that we should invest in our own boards and bags. Don and Jack Daniels will investigate the probable costs and bring a request for funding to our April meeting).
2. Skillet Toss for women – Gail and Bill Phelps, managers.
3. Tractor tire flip for men – Fred will coordinate this event and acquire a manager

4. Kid-Zone – We agreed on the need to add things for kids to do at the Festival; Fred will coordinate this activity, acquire a manager, and report to the committee – before any publicity is generated.
5. Frisbee-Throwing – To be included, if the Erkenbrechers manage it.

b. Funding of festival – Fred

- i. Given the expenses that are associated with the Fall Festival, we agreed that we should not rely solely on the funds that we now have on hand. We agreed on the need to seek donations, as we have in the past.
- ii. We agreed that we are not interested in organizing any type of fund-raising project, such as the dinners that were organized for the Bicentennial.
- iii. We discussed other ideas for acquiring additional funds. One strategy, which we will consider (at a future meeting), involves seeking donations from sponsors whose advertisements we would include in a printed Fall Festival program. The printed programs would be distributed to festival patrons, as they enter E-Dot Park. Each printed program would contain a distinct numeral. A drawing for a “grand prize” would be conducted at some point and the person whose program included the numeral that was drawn would win the grand prize.

**3. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- a. Stone marker for the Milford Twp. Memorial Park – Ron reported that we have entered into a \$2,900 contract with Schott Monument for the delivery and installation of a stone marker for the Memorial Park in Darrtown’s village square. The marker will be 60” high, 48” wide, and 6” thick. The Milford Township Trustees will pour the base for the monument. A \$2,000 contribution by Richard Bunger contributed \$2,000 toward this project. Memorial Day, 2016 is the target date for unveiling the monument.
- b. Update on the military tank to be placed in the village square – Paul reported on communications that he has had with military representatives. Progress is slow; it appears that the tank will not be delivered until next spring.
- c. Update on idea of organizing a Darrtown historical society/group/association/museum – Jack and Joe reported on their visit with Ted Kirby regarding the Reily Township Historical Museum. Discussion ensued about the following issues/challenges:
  - i. Money to acquire a property in Darrtown
  - ii. Money needed to maintain a historical facility in Darrtown
  - iii. Money to cover possible attorney fees
  - iv. People who would carry on the project
  - v. Paperwork associated with the formally organizing a historical “society.”

We reached consensus to not pursue the creation of such a project/facility in Darrtown. We discussed the idea of asking the township trustees for a room at the Milford Township Community Center in Collinsville wherein we could store historical items that we have already acquired

and/or might acquire in the future. We realize the we would most likely need to share such a room with other township communities and/or organizations. Paul agreed to communicate the question to the two other trustees. This topic will be a discussion item for our next meetings.

- d. Next meeting date? We plan to meet Thursday, April 7 at 11:30 AM – location to be determined.