

SUMMARY ~ DARRTOWN REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 14, 2016 – 11:30 AM – Walt’s Barbeque – Hamilton, Ohio

IN ATTENDANCE: All nine members (Paul Gillespie, Don Beckett, Duane Clark, Betty Daniels, Jack Daniels, John Newman, Joe Pater, Ron Wiley, and Fred Lindley)

1. FALL FESTIVAL

- a. We reviewed the Organizational Chart for 2016 – Fred distributed updated copies.
- b. Each Coordinator (listed on the Organizational Chart) reported on progress since our last meeting:
 - i. Facilities – Jack: No news
 - ii. Food & drinks – Joe: Duane Clark will manage the Darrtown Lutheran Church Beer Garden again; other vendors (such as Kettle Corn, Donuts, etc.) are registering.
 - iii. Music – Jack: Bill Clark prefers to not be involved in lining up music groups this year. Unfortunately, part of Bill’s PA system was damaged during an electrical storm and we will not be able to use his system this year. Denny Byrd agreed to help arrange music groups and will investigate a source for the PA system. AFTER DISCUSSION, WE REACHED CONSENSUS THAT JACK SHOULD WORK WITH DENNY BYRD TO SCHEDULE MUSIC ALL DAY LONG AT THE STAGE.
 - iv. Vendors – Joe: Several vendors have signed up already, which is encouraging since we are still some five months away from the event. Joe and Fred described their system for contacting vendors (past and new). Joe reported that Ginia Riegert suggested the Fall Festival include a “big card poker” game, which could be a money-maker for the Reunion Committee. We would need to provide a tent, chairs, tables, and electricity. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS FOR JOE TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE IDEA WITH GINIA.
 - v. Activities – Fred
 1. Fred distributed diagrams of E-Dot Park:
 - a. Recommendations related to the diagrams:
 - i. Move non-electrical vendors to the north field, along the baseball fence. Vendors who want electricity would stay in the same area as last year.
 - ii. Move the Skillet Toss to the south field and provide a specific throwing area, with a specified area for spectators. Also, conduct the Tractor Tire Flip contest in the same location.
 - iii. Create an area for kids’ activities north of the stage area; with a temporary/plastic fence around the activities.
 - iv. Place the Frisbee Throw to the west of the Kids’ activities; along the left-field foul line.
 2. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT FRED’S PROPOSAL ON A ONE-YEAR TRIAL BASIS.

3. We discussed the time schedule for various events/activities. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE – REALIZING THAT SOME ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 10TH MAY BECOME NECESSARY:
 - a. 09:45 AM – Band concert in village square (if the Talawanda band director agrees)
 - b. 10:00 AM – Parade starts
 - c. 11:00 AM – Music begins on stage in E-Dot Park; NOTE: some dancing events will need to be coordinated with the music, as (1) Paul reported that Robin Houston’s youth “clogging” group will perform and (2) Joe reported that students from Bogan School may perform, along with “Roxie” – a mascot of the Oxford Alliance for a Healthy Community.
 - d. 11:30 AM – Drawing for positions in the Corn Hole Tournament
 - e. 12:00 PM – Corn Hole Tournament begins
 - f. 01:00 PM – Frisbee Throwing begins
 - g. 02:00 PM – Skillet Toss contest begins
 - h. 04:00 PM – Tractor Tire Flip contest begins
4. Corn hole boards and bags: Jack displayed a portable, folding, and lockable corn hole board designed and built by Tim Roemer. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS TO PURCHASE FOUR BOARDS FROM TIM ROEMER (PAINTED IN DARRTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BLUE AND GOLD, WITH A DARRTOWN FESTIVAL LOGO) AND FOUR SETS OF BAGS FOR A COST OF \$380. FRED IS TO DESIGN THE LOGO; SEEK THE FEEDBACK OF THE COMMITTEE; AND THEN DELIVER THE LOGO TO TIM.
5. Publicity – Fred distributed copies of a “Publicity Timetable” that illustrated how he plans to publicize the Darrtown Fall Festival between now and September 10th. Fred reported that some managers of activities desire posters that they may use for advertising. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS TO GIVE FRED A \$50 BUDGET FOR PRINTING POSTERS FOR THE SKILLET TOSS, THE TRACTOR FLIP CONTEST, AND THE FRISBEE THROWING. Don Beckett said he would cover the cost of printing and distributing the Corn Hole Tournament. Fred reported that Brad Mills said the Township newsletter might not be published in time for the Fall Festival. Fred asked Paul to talk with Brad about sending the township newsletter prior to 9/10.
- vi. Township Trustees – Paul had no news to report. Jack asked Paul to arrange for a wider gate in the outfield fence at E-Dot Park, so that the stage may be more easily delivered to its location. The stage company wants a photo of the wider gate, before it will agree to a contract.

- vii. Welcome Center – Betty reported agreement with the idea of locating the “Welcome Center” tent closer to the south gate to E-dot Park (where it was for the Bicentennial). This should facilitate Ron’s suggestion that we devise a “ticket/gate prize” system that will encourage people to register as they enter the festival. The ticket system should produce a more accurate attendance count and enable us to collect email addresses. FRED MOVED AND RON SECONDED THAT BETTY DESIGN THE TICKET. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- viii. Parade – JOHN REPORTED THAT HE WILL CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VARIOUS PARADE UNITS. HE ALSO WILL CONTACT THE TALAWANDA BAND DIRECTOR TO CONFIRM THAT THE BAND WILL APPEAR. IF IT DOES, JOHN WILL INQUIRE ABOUT A 9:45 AM CONCERT IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE. JOHN WILL ALSO ARRANGE FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR THE BAND AT THE END OF THE PARADE IN E-DOT PARK.
- ix. Finances – John
 - 1. John reported that we have about \$7300 in the Darrtown Reunion account and about \$5500 in the Oxford Foundation account.
 - 2. Donations – Betty and Jack reported that Pat Pawling (owner/operator of the Oxford McDonalds store) will again donate \$3000. It will be available in late June.
 - 3. WE REACHED CONSENSUS THAT WE WILL NOT PRINT PROGRAMS TO BE HANDED OUT THAT THE FESTIVAL. WE AGREED TO PRINT A LARGE POSTER FOR DISPLAY AT THE FESTIVAL THAT WILL LIST ALL THE DONORS.
 - 4. In response to a question from Fred, WE REACHED CONSENSUS THAT FRED SHOULD AGAIN INVITE PERSONS TO DONATE MONEY TO THE FALL FESTIVAL AND THAT FRED WILL LIST THE NAMES OF THE DONORS IN THE FESTIVAL NEWSLETTERS.
 - 5. After discussion, WE REACHED CONSENSUS THAT EACH COORDINATOR SHOULD SUBMIT ESTIMATED EXPENSES TO JOHN NEWMAN BY MAY 1ST This will enable John to build a Fall Festival budget.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a. Stone marker for the Milford Twp. Memorial Park – Ron reported that the marker will be prepared and delivered after he knows when the foundation will be poured. PAUL SAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE STONE MARKER SHOULD BE POURED BY MAY 1ST.
- b. Update on the military tank to be placed in the village square – Paul had no news to report, despite his efforts to get an answer from the military. Some committee members expressed a willingness to stop pursuing the tank delivery and use the space of picnic tables.
- c. Designated room in Milford Twp. Community Center for Darrtown memorabilia? – Betty, again, asked if a room might be available to us. PAUL AGREED TO CHECK WITH THE OTHER TRUSTEES.
- d. Other items?

- i. Betty and Jack reported that they found two 13'x13' "pop-up" tents for a total of \$240. BETTY AND JACK WILL SUBMIT AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET.
 - ii. Fred reported that a public address system for use out-doors might cost \$1,000. FRED WILL INVESTIGATE FURTHER AND SUBMIT AS PART OF HIS BUDGET.
 - iii. Paul reported the need for a bagger for the township mower, that would be used for collecting grass clipping when mowing in the village square/park. PAUL WILL SUBMIT AS PART OF HIS BUDGET.
 - iv. Ron reported that we have a chance to send two people to the Butler Rural Electric banquet. He gave two tickets to Joe Pater.
- e. Next meeting? – WE AGREED TO MEET AT 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 26, AT WALT'S BBQ.