

DARRTOWN REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 24, 2017 – 7 PM ~ Darrtown Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Committee Members present: Don Beckett, Duane Clark, Angie Gillespie, John Newman, Dianna Leuthold, and Fred Lindley

Committee members absent: Paul Gillespie

Guests: Bob Young, Rick Martin, and Mark Leuthold

AGENDA

CARRY-OVER ITEMS FROM OUR LAST MEETING:

1. Angie reported that she spoke with the owner of the Oxford McDonald's store and he plans to donate cash, a gift basket, and \$5 gift cards that we may use as contest prizes. Dianna volunteered to send a "thank you" note to the donor, after John receives the cash donation.
2. Don reported that Tom and Tracey Bufler will, as part of their work as Welcome Center coordinators, organize the collection of donations at the Fall Festival gate(s).
3. Because Paul was absent, we did not receive his report on the cost estimate for repairing the Don Beckett field sign that was recently damaged. We again discussed the idea of creating barrier posts (concrete?) around the sign. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
4. Duane reported that he is waiting for the Methodist church to respond to his invitation to participate in an "Interfaith" church service, with the Lutheran church, at E-Dot Park, on Sunday morning. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
5. Duane reported that he is also waiting for the Methodist church to decide whether it wants to sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
6. If the Methodist church declines either invitation, then the Lutheran church will conduct a church service and/or sponsor a pancake breakfast. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
7. Bob Young and Rick Martin reported on the parade and the car show. They desire flyers to promote both activities. Fred agreed to design posters and flyers, which he will present for the committee's review by June 1st. Don volunteered to get price quotes from Bethart Printing. After receiving the price quote, the committee will decide on the number and size of posters and flyers to be printed. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
8. In relation to printing flyers and/or posters, the committee discussed newspaper advertising. Fred provided a "cost list" from Cox Media; the committee is interested, but more study is needed. [This item will be

carried over to our next meeting.]

9. We agreed that the parade should include both antique tractors and classic cars. Bob will arrange the order of the parade units to accommodate a faster pace and avoid overheating of the classic cars. Tractor owners will be invited to display their tractors at E-Dot Park on Saturday and Sunday. A car show will be scheduled for Sunday. Organizers will likely arrange for trophies, at no expense to the Reunion Committee.

NEW ITEMS RELATED TO THE FALL FESTIVAL:

1. John reported no major changes in our financial standing. Currently, the Fall Festival expenses are approximately \$6500. Fred will include that amount in the donor solicitation materials that he will design and distribute electronically.
2. Duane reported that he has rented a 100 ft. by 40 ft. tent that will accommodate the Lutheran Church Beer Garden at the east end of the tent. The stage/performance area and the audience seating area will be located at the west end of the tent. The rental cost is \$1295 and will be equally shared by the Lutheran Church and the Reunion Committee.
3. We discussed and approved the expenditure of \$240 for lighting inside the tents. John agreed to purchase six strands of LED lights from Rural King. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
4. Duane reported that he is in the process of finding bands to play at the Festival. He also said that Earl Hendricks volunteered to provide his DJ equipment and will serve as the DJ throughout the event, as needed. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
5. Duane reported that he is looking for a company from which to rent the sound equipment for the musical performers. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
6. Duane asked the committee for information regarding the portable PA system that was used last year for the outdoor activities. Fred reported that Joe Pater (A) built and donated the portable PA system, (B) has it stored at his home, and (C) is ready to turn it over to the committee. Fred agreed to ask Joe to call Duane about the hand-off of the equipment.
7. Regarding this year's Parade Marshal, we agreed to collect names and make a decision at a future meeting. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]
8. We discussed and approved festival activities. We will again offer the skillet toss for females (15 years and older), the men's tractor tire flip, and the Cornhole tournament. Additionally, Angie recommended, and the committee approved, a skillet toss for kids (under 15 years of age) and an obstacle course for kids. Angie expressed a desire that the Darrtown

Fall Festival include unique activities to set it apart from other festivals in the area. By consensus, the committee agreed. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]

9. Angie reported that she plans to invite Robyn's Dance Studio (Collinsville, Ohio) to perform on the stage on Sunday afternoon. Again, the committee agreed, by consensus. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]

NEW ITEMS RELATED TO THE VILLAGE SQUARE:

1. John reported that he recently received five paver orders totaling \$250. He will forward that money to the Oxford Community Fund, which holds the village square money for us. After deducting the expense of engraving (\$17 per paver), our income will total approximately \$165.
2. Don shared a cost estimate for village square lawn service that he received from Pat Cain. After discussion, the committee altered the types of service to be performed and asked Don to meet with Pat again. We are attempting to set a budget of approximately \$500 per year for village square maintenance. [This item will be carried over to our next meeting.]

NEXT MEETING?

We are to meet at 7 PM in the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, on Monday, June 5th, 2017.