**Old Home Day - March 2024**

**Attendance**: Adam Gauthier, Joe Darrah, Kathy Kelley, Jaime Koladish (via phone), and Melissa Babcock

Notes- Jay Darrah will be added to the email list.

**Official Date Set:** Saturday, July 20th

**Theme:** *Adventure Begins with You*

**New Talking Points**

**Andi’s Bible-** We are thankful to have received a draft of Andi’s notes/timeline today. We will use it as a guide to continue plugging along.

**Shirts-** It was mentioned to have matching committee shirts during the event so helpers would be more easily spotted amongst the crowd. Jaime will get pricing for our next meeting.

**Parade**

**Parade Participants-** Joe is looking to get more first responders so it seems as though lengthening the parade seems to make sense.

**Parade Route-** It was decided to go with the old route (starting on Clark Street, up Main to Elm, onto Depot, Cross Carroll to Catamount and Return to Clark) Now that the route is finalized. Melissa will get the permits completed.

**National Anthem**- Kathy Kelley committed to singing the National Anthem.

**Kids bike parade**— Jaime talked to Northway to help with bike decorating, judging, etc.

**Bektash**—Mini Monster Trucks are available for $400. Corvettes are available, but will follow up in April.

**Announcer Platform—**Joe usually set up. Mark has the sound system. Joe will also check with Stan Bailey to do the announcing.

**Judges-** Joe confirmed that Mark and Andi will judge the parade.

**Crown Trophy—**Jamie didn’t see anything with the theme. Trophies for Car Show--

\*\*\* HOMEWORK for everyone-- come with prize/trophy ideas to April meeting \*\*\*

**Dustin’s Park**

**Park Street Babtist Church (Breakfast)—**Has not responded. Linda from Vintage hill will check with Birdie. Last year they set up coffee and pastries. PYW and Masons may be interested if Park Street is not.

It was discussed that it doesn’t make sense to have two groups serving community breakfast that morning. Joe will ask Fire department about breakfast since they offered it last year at the station. Ideally, it would be best to have them up near the park to keep activities more central and have the town municipalities have more of a presence at the OHD Event. Would they be open to having it at Park Street Babtist Church, Congregational Church or PYW instead of at the Station?--- Joe will reach out

**St. Stephens-** PatMiller penciled in the date for hot dogs and the bake sale. They will confirm soon. They also plan to make more signs to draw more attention to that area of Main Street.

**Porta potty -** Notes from Andi mention needing a porta potty at edge of Park near PYW. Will look into this. Possibly use Gosse? Cost of Handicapped accessible one vs. regular?

**Balloon Twisting-** Melissa has not heard from “I’m not a Clown”, but will continue to follow other avenues

**Cook off-** S’more Sweet Adventures—Victory Workers will cover this once again.

**Car Show vs. Touch a Truck--** Pittsfield Fire/Rescue, Cruiser, Grater, Melissa will ask Forst trucking as well. It was also mentioned that having more of a Police presence at Dustin Park during event would be nice.

**Coke banners**- Have used these in the past. They were originally donated from Danis and were updated with dates, etc each year. Joe will check on these.

**Sponsor signs**- Melissa shared pricing for signs from Granite Image. She will now request “rider signs” so whole signs won’t need to be replaced each year.

**Music-**

Don smith and Jackie lee are both signed up for music. -- Don Smith is confirmed for 10-11. Jackie Lee said she could do 9-11 or 11- 1 (possibly stay a little later due to the parade. $200.) The group agreed the later time would be best. Jaime will follow up. Jaimie will also check with Jackie Lee about the possibility of renting a speaker/microphone because last year the announcements weren’t loud enough. Joe mentioned that Jackie Lee has set up in front of the monument in the past, facing Main Street rather than in the park—another option to run by Jackie maybe and see what she prefers.

**Dunk Tank**-- Put in front of park or St. Stephens ( in Sun) Melissa will check with PYBA to run the activity. If they are unable to run, will ask to borrow the tank and ask if the high school has a group that would like to run it as a fundraiser.

**Karate Demo** -- Melissa will reach out to Path of Sumari to see if they’d be interested in doing a Demo between 9-10 on Main Street by the Church and also walk in the parade.

**Vendors**

**Flyer-** Adam is making adjustments to that flyer and will get it sent/corrected.

**Kona Ice** - Have committed!

**The Gravy Train—**Unavailable for this weekend.

**Chris Weir—**Barnstead resident-- Joe has contact will share with Adam

A reminder that Food Trucks must get a permit through the town.

**Forest B. Argue**

**Little Red Wagon—**have not responded to the online inquiry. Jaime will look for an alternative contact/phone number, etc.

**Animal Guy –** confirmed for 1pm at Town Beach Area

**BBQ**- Minni said the town beach will be open and offer the BBQ as usual. They’ve offered to help in any way possible. The committee discussed that the timing seemed tough last year as lots of people stayed at the park and didn’t make it to the BBQ or swim area before it closed up.

**Drake’s Field—**

**Nevers Band—**

**Softball game-** no update at this time.

**Citizens of the Year-** there was discussion about having the plaque/announcement happen at the beginning of the parade like it did prior to Covid instead of at the park. Will continue to discuss.

**Fireworks**- Costs have increased. The company has asked us to lock into a 3 year contract due to the Nation’s 250th coming up. The group has agreed to lock in as long as there’s a clause that we’re not stuck if the Old Home Day doesn’t happen in the future. Melissa will also ask the company about their recommendation regarding tents on the field that evening. Depending on their recommendations, we’ll move forward with a fire permit and then permission from the school.

**K-9 Show—** Possibly before fireworks, to fill time? Joe will check with Jay

**Porta Potty—**Is one necessary at fireworks? Is the bathroom under the bleachers open/enough?

**Next Meeting** –

Future Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month. April 22nd at 6pm. Josiah Carpenter Library

We will continue to make updates to Facebook and send information to The Post