



TOWN OF VERNON

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VERNON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES - Wednesday, June 18, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Present; (10) Chairman-Rudy Rossmly, Cliff Edwards, Bryan Flint, Carl Schaefer, Councilor Polly Schaefer, Steve Wakefield, Councilor Brian Motola, Chet Morgan, Joe Grunske, William J. Smith,

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Vernon Bicentennial Committee Chairman Rudy Rossmly.

I. Old Business

Due to the absence of our Recording Secretary, there were no Minutes to review or approve.

A. Committee Reports

1. Vernon Community Festival

- Chairman Rossmly congratulated Carl Schaefer and his group for presenting an impressive event. Polly Schaefer stated that the Vernon Junior Women's Club would not be participating at all next year. Carl is in talks with Steve Krajewski about next year's planning Vernon Community Festival. If held again it was suggested by Rudy R. that a layout map of the area be used for publicity and Bill Smith suggested having directional arrows too. Chet M. was commended for getting the Military portions of the event planned. He also suggested having it a week later.

2. Commemorative Books

- They will be ready for sale prior to July 1. Steve Wakefield has agreed to be responsible for the storage, distribution recording, and accounting for them.

3. July In The Sky – July 1

- The annual fireworks will be celebrated in both downtown Rockville and in Henry Park. Brian M. will set-up the booth in DT Rockville and Steve Wakefield will be responsible for the location in Henry Park. Each will request assistance from additional volunteers.

4. CT Army National Guard 102nd Army Band

- Chet Morgan spoke about the invitation to the Open House and Concert on Saturday, July 26 @ 12 noon. At Legion Field. (The notice is attached)

5. National Night Out – Aug 5, 5-9 PM

- The Rockville Community Alliance (RCA) is staging the annual event in Talcott Park. Brian Motola will be responsible for setting up the Bicentennial display booth near the Gene Pitney Commemorative Cmte., and will ask others to assist in manning the booth.

6. Rubber Duck Race – Sept 13

- Wayne Johnson has agreed to run this with the Vernon Lions Club. The event will be at Golfland. Details TBD. Bryan Flint will find double-sided tickets to use for the race.

7. “Rockville Rocks” - Sept. 14

- The event is separated into two planning stages. The festival will be conducted by the Rockville Community Alliance (RCA) and the subsequent Torchlight Parade will be planned by Steve Wakefield and Peter Olson. The event will start at approx. 2 PM with a Concert by “The Nifty Fifties Band” from 5-7:30 PM. The Gene Pitney C. C. has agreed to assist in making the event larger to tie-in the connection to the “Rockville Rocks” theme. Carl S. suggested that we add a pre-1980’s car show to the day. Carl will have Steve K. from the Vernon P & Rec Dept. provide the details from the Vernon Community Festival to expedite the planning process for this event. Rudy

suggests that we be sure to have the event running from 2 PM when the Vernon Senior Center has their Open House on the same day. Carl S. is working on the plans for the Vernon, VT to Vernon, CT Bike Race. He will be getting Proclamations from the Mayor of Vernon, VT to have presented at this event.

8. Parade Committee

- The Parade Committee report was presented by chair Carl Schaefer. He is requesting more volunteers to help out. Bill S. said that 14 bands were committed to date. Brian M. will help Carl get a mailing list of the businesses in Vernon. Possibly the Police Dept or the Town Assessor might have them too. They will be sent out invitations asking them to participate in the parade. Steve and Carl will be working together to plan the parade marshals for the divisions in the parade.
- An MC is still being looked for. Several options have been suggested. Chet M. is available!

9. VIP and Special Guest Committee

- Chet Morgan will be doing follow-up on the VIP lists.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00pm at Vernon Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Flint, Acting, Recording Secretary