

MINUTES

Meeting of Ad-Hoc Committee for Founders Day
August 28, 2019
Weston Library Community Room, 2pm

Present: Anne Hunt (Library), Pam Kersey (Historical Society), Kristana Esslinger (Schools), Sarah Hutchison (Schools), Karin Gianitti (All-around guru), Nancy Thiel

Minutes from 8/21 meeting – Anne moved, Kristana seconded, minutes approved.

Kristana reported on ideas she and Sarah came up with to involve the schools. Lower grades would be involved by attending. Scenery crew could do the photo op/cut out installation. Scouts could participate in procession to start the event.

Pam brought some great handouts of the chronology of the town. Nancy shared a list of everyone involved in the movie 'Outliers.' (Who is still around?) See attachments. It seems everyone brought a copy of Thomas Farnham's *Weston* to the meeting. Lots of reading to be done over Labor Day weekend!

DRAFT RUN OF EVENT

- 4:30** Procession from Onion Barn to Town Hall steps led by First Selectmen, includes scouts, maybe reenactors with fife and drums?
- 4:40** Pledge of Allegiance, Proclamation, Prayer, "My Country Tis of Thee", Welcome, VIPs?
- 5:00** Town Photo
- 5:30** Musical performances, jugglers, folk songs by the gazebo, viewing of founding book in town hall
- 5:45** Ice cream trucks arrive
- 6:25** "Star Spangled Banner"

EVENT LAYOUT

We reviewed the Founders Day plan. See attached. Each century tent would be hosted by a sponsoring organization. The Women's Club said they could provide volunteers. Additional notes below:

1700s – Add Mark Harper showing his arrowheads. Ask Carol if Lachat wants to get involved.

1800s – Pam will find someone from Emanuel church to join up. We talked about a bean bag toss. Karin mentioned an onion boat that would stop at Parker Harding Plaza and pick up the onions from Weston. Karin, can you find a photo and email it? We all agreed it might be fun to 'toss an onion onto the boat.'

1900s – It would be great to add a Story Corps activity. Also, could everyone please send their lists of famous people who have lived in town?

2000s – Kristana and Sarah will organize the students for all the activities. Sarah said she would reach out to Agita re: the mural design (I hope I didn't make this up).

Every sponsoring organization should come back for the next meeting with ideas for the layout of their tent space – tables, easels, etc. As a note, both Anne and Pam said they would need to discuss Founders Day with their boards.

FUNDRAISING

We discussed selling toys in addition to hats. [After the meeting, Julie (Nancy's colleague) suggested a raffle at the fund-raising table. The winner takes home half of the pot. Love that idea!]

FOOD TRUCKS

It was agreed that we should keep food trucks to a minimum for this first year. We are going to pursue two ice cream trucks. Kristana will research.

PR/MARKETING

We need to get a save the date out as soon as we can. Andrew, can you work on a draft for the next meeting?

Great meeting everyone. Next meeting is 2pm Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Town Hall meeting room.
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thiel