

75th Anniversary Committee Minutes

June 15, 2017

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Present: Dennis Bianchi, Sharon Levine-Shein, Pat Kiser, Scott Grizzy, Bob Theriault, Diane Theriault, Harvey Reeser, Dave Theriault, Steve McMahon, Jen Reeser, Sue Jansen, Diane Delap, Laura Ward, Brian Baldwin, Rob Shillington, Carol Baldwin

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Reports:

Jen Reeser: It was decided not to go forward with FF Ball and Muster and make the Annual Dinner a bigger event. Motion passed to strike FF Ball and Muster from the plan of activities for 2018.

We will still have Ad Book, Convention, Memorial Service, 5K, Open Houses and Library Series.

Ad Book: Will be ready for April Open House.

Hartford County Memorial Service all set for Sunday, October 14.

Library: Pat Kiser gave titles of movies suggested by library (Towering Inferno, Ladder 49, Backdraft, Documentary of 9/11) to be shown Thursday afternoons and one at night. Suggested film Firehouse Dog for young audiences.

Needs pictures from members for exhibit. Want trucks, firehouses, gear, etc. from when we began and current gear and apparatus, outstanding incidents, parades, carnivals, explorers over the years, etc.

Need photos of current officers, board members and updated company photos for January, 2018. Need photographer, maybe Dave Bourgoin.

September exhibit in local history room perhaps can be displayed at open houses. Old equipment /uniforms, etc. Exhibit second Saturday in January (13th) with talk "We Don't Just Fight Fires". Don't know who will give talk yet. Friends of Library will provide wine and cheese. Snow date: January 20.

Harvey Reeser: T-Shirts, Memorabilia

T-Shirts for members and others for State Convention and 75th Anniversary will cost \$5.95 each.

Banner has arrived. Suggested that banner go to each Fire Station on a rotating basis.

Mugs/plastic ceramic, etc. No price yet.

Convention Hotel: Avon Old Farms has given price of \$119 plus tax including breakfast buffet. Blocked off 40 rooms will add as necessary. Conference Room off lobby included for use as hospitality room.

Convention: Steve McMahon. PO Box needed for July 1, Dave will set up.

Need to reserve for \$125 for Taftville. Check with Nolan if sent.

We will have table set up for registration for 2018 Convention at Taftville Convention.

Anyone can go. Will have 5 delegates and 5 alternates at Taftville. Hopefully same people as last year for continuity.

Steve McMahon will talk to Avon Health Center regarding access during Convention Parade.

Dave Theriault: VCBC will move their services on day of parade, 2018. Confirmed in writing. Will also give donation of \$750 to AVFD.

Save the date postcards will be mailed to all residents detailing roads to be closed and when Convention Parade will take place. Road to be closed at Country Club and Harris at West Avon.

Road Race: Chief Trick; From Email as he wasn't present: He has signed and returned with a check for \$250 to hold timing company and date for 5K on April 14, 2018. Moving forward with shirt design and will develop manpower requirements for race. Will write street permit for race and submit it. Chief will continue to coordinate with timing company for registration process. Race course will be the PGS only reverse.

Dennis Bianchi assisted with gathering and asking for sponsors when we attended PGS 5K.

Publicity: Carol Baldwin: Wants to recreate photos 50's -80's of people still in Department.

Calendar will be done by Laura Ward. Carol will coordinate with her.

Talked about Banner across road but due to Town regulations probably not possible.

Video message boards – 2 weeks prior to Convention. Allowed because on state property.

Carol mentioned food trucks at Celebrate Avon.

Dennis Bianchi: May 2018 Concert. Will be May 11 at 12:15 at Senior Center. Has Puppet show cost \$225, all set.

Next Meeting: July 27, 2018

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Theriault and Diane Delap