

Ashland 4th of July Committee
April 11, 2018

Present – Fran Wendelboe, Rebecca Morrill, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Ann Barney, Kendall Hughes, Jane Sawyer, Phyllis Reitsma, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Lynne Uhlman, Paige Morrill

Meeting was called to order at 6:35, the pledge of allegiance was done, and roll call was taken.

Minutes – The March minutes were distributed and reviewed. Phyllis made a motion to accept the minutes as written, David 2nd and it was approved by all.

Treasury report – only expense for the month was cost of stamps for the advertising letters. Katrina has a reimbursement form prepared which Fran will sign as the second signature to reimburse Deb Perdue the cost of stamps. Katrina spoke with the 1 business who has not paid from last year, they said they would again get back to her, we are not going to further try to collect but will not allow her a banner this year until it has been paid. Fran announced that our budget was approved by the select board. Motion to approve the treasury report was made by David and 2nd by Kendall all in favor.

Mary Ruell Award – 2 names were submitted by email, 2 other names were submitted at the meeting. Kendall read the description of the award, a discussion was conducted about all 4 members, 1 name was preferred by all. David made a motion to accept this couple, Katrina 2nd, all in favor. David will reach out to the award winners and notify them.

Grand Marshall – 3 names were suggested by the board. A discussion was conducted about all 3 names, first and 2nd choices were chosen. Kendall made a motion to nominate choice number 1 if they decline then choice number 2 would be chosen as the winner, Ann 2nd, all in favor.

Parking – 4 volunteers are needed at Freudenberg, 4 at the post office, 2 for Handicapped parking, Lynne mentioned last year we sold spots at Dot's Kendall will reach out to them to see if this can be done this year.

Handicapped parking will be in a new spot this year, on the side of the Gazebo in the field. In the past there has not been a charge for handicapped parking, we will continue this. Parking starts charging at 3:00, volunteers stay until the lot is full. Fran reached out to Freudenberg and it was too early for them to commit to parking in their lots. Fran has been in contact with Rich Kirby. A truck will come to the post office about 6:00 it needs to be able to reach the rear of the post office, also there will be a new business in the empty building they may have traffic in and out. Kendall is going to reach out to Ernie; last year they volunteered people to help with parking.

Confirmed Items – 1. Buttons – the student button is not clear enough to be used. We will just do 1 button, Sue will order before our next meeting. Fran would like to be able to sell them online. 2. Arm bands – rubber armbands with a star, 1868, star, Ashland, star, 2018, star will also be sold along with the buttons. David made a motion to order \$100 worth of band bracelets with excess money from the buttons. Kendall 2nd, all in favor. 3. Bands – Baker Valley, Moulton, Art Harriman, Larry Walker, all confirmed for the 3rd and 4th. Kendall spoke with the Ashland Elementary School Music Teacher he believes that he may have some band members interested in playing in the parade on a float, and may have someone interested in singing the national anthem. 4. Shirts – a shirt design was passed around some final changes were made to it. They will now be 2 sided with a small design on the front and the

big design on the back, and grey shirts. We budgeted \$1000, Deb will order these.

Parade update – David suggested the idea of bringing back the 90+ year olds in Ashland for a float in a car if they are interested. Phyllis listed all residents that she believes would qualify for this. Several groups and businesses have already mentioned they plan to be in the parade. We would also like to have most patriotic pups, kids on bikes, antique cars – Katrina suggested a business that might have some leads on people interested in putting antique cars in the parade, Sue Harville will also go to the cruise nights once they start to invite. A few names were given for contacts for horses in the parade, the local 4H group was also suggested and Rebecca will get a contact name for that.

Field update – Chesleys, Hibberts, Larry Walker, and the radio station all confirmed. The Ashland Community Church will be doing a BBQ on the field and donate the proceeds to the 4th of July committee. There will also be the 50/50 raffle from the Common Man, an apple Pie contest, kid's games, face painting, and some community tents.

New Business – Contracts – John created vendor contracts those were distributed, there was a discussion about them. Some of them are not asking for a copy of the insurance, and for Chesleys and Hibberts we are going to add language about requesting that the Town of Ashland be listed as additional insured on their insurance rider. John will make the changes. Fran made a motion to approve the contracts as amended, Kendall 2nd, all in favor.

Assign Groups – 1. Parking – Ann will be the committee member in charge of the parking 2. Pancake Breakfast – Fran will be the committee member in charge of the pancake breakfast.

Other Business – Kendall will reach out to Ernie from the Ashland Community Church to see if he might like to attend our next meeting.

We need to brainstorm ideas of where we can get more trash cans from. Lynne mentioned there were none on the business side of Main St and that area was very littered last year. In the debriefing August meeting that was a constant item, that we did not have enough and they did not get emptied often enough.

Lynne asked if we had considered selling shirts at area businesses ahead of the 4th of July. We will contact businesses to see if they will allow it.

Advertising letter has been sent out. We will begin working on the Brochure so that is ready to print in May. We plan to order 5000 Brochures.

Our next meeting will be May 9th, we will have an additional meeting May 23rd, and another on June 13th. Meetings will take place at Episcopal Church and begin at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned.