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375th Anniversary Celebration Committee
June 27, 2018 ~ Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman – Mike Costello, Vice Chair – Connie Wenzel Jordan, Abby Abrahamson, Kenneth Abrams, Deborah Breckenridge, Andrew Carden, Anna Deignan, Kim Fagundes, Jean Grota, Neal Harrington, Kevin Hebert, Jake Kramer, David LeComte, Jen LeComte, Cynthia Lee, Jann McMurry, Nancy Muri

Guests: Jeff Greenburg

Meeting came to order at 7:04 pm.

Motion: Jake Kramer made the motion to accept minutes – seconded by Ken Abrams – discussion on finance report - approved unanimously – at 7:09 p.m.

Boot Drive

The June 16th boot drive raised \$2,600. Jean Grota thanked all who volunteered their time to collect donations. Those who donated were very generous, and the day turned out well. A section on Tremont St. and Fairview Ave. was opened up, and Jake and Sheila Kramer collected donations there. The June 16th boot drive resulted in \$400 more than the last boot drive.

Clambake

Connie Wenzel-Jordan read an email update from Laura Schwall, Chair of the Clambake. The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society will present a timeline of Rehoboth clambakes. Whitney Pape, Director of the Blanding Library, will attend the event to register people for library cards. Her goal is to register 375 new people for library cards in 2018 to commemorate Rehoboth's 375th Anniversary. Dave Downs will facilitate historical playground games from Hornbine School. Kim Fagundes suggested having a sack race and water balloons, and Joe Nunes had suggested a pie eating contest in the past. Kim Fagundes offered to run these activities. Water balloons, etc. will be needed for the activities. Mike Costello suggested contacting the Rehoboth Fire Department about using the fire-fighting silhouette for kids. 5-6 people are willing to perform at the Clambake cost-free for entertainment. Zachariah Padin and Benjamin Foss, two of the winners from the Rehoboth's Got Talent Show, are among the volunteers. In addition, Jean Grota said she will talk to someone who has DJ equipment that could be used at the event. Connie Wenzel-Jordan suggested inviting anyone that plans on attending the Clambake to bring their instruments and jam at the event. This could be posted/advertised on social media. To date, 34 tickets have been sold. The deadline for ticket sales is July 14th. There will be 50/50 raffles during the event to raise money for the 375th Parade. A press release has been sent to spread the word about the event.

Connie Wenzel-Jordan will add extra activities such as the water balloon fight to marketing materials for the event as well.

Carnival

Jake Kramer and Mike Costello added items to the carnival contract to strengthen it. The contract will go to the Board of Selectmen to be approved. Because of the July 4th holiday, it will take longer to receive approval from the Board of Selectmen. Before this happens, they are waiting to hear from the carnival company, as the contract is in their hands right now. The carnival will be general admission. The Dighton-Rehoboth marching band will assist with parking. Mike Costello suggested allowing the marching band to collect donations during the carnival, since they volunteered to help with parking. In addition, Jake Kramer will help supervise the 375th merchandise booth.

Breed Expo

The 375th Committee received an email notice that an application would need to be filled out to attend the Rehoboth Breed Expo. Kim Fagundes suggested contacting the Expo to make sure that the message wasn't a part of an email blast. In addition, she will talk to the Attleboro Health Department regarding a food permit for the event, and whether the 375th Committee falls under her permit.

Golf Tournament

Ken Abrams gave an update on the Golf Tournament. Things are starting to roll. He spent all day collecting tee signs. Ken Abrams will visit participating golf courses to make sure they have enough applications. In addition, a silent auction will be held at Francis Farm. Francis Farm will take care of all expenses; the 375th Committee will need to provide tablecloths and napkins. 70% of the profits from the event will be donated to the 375th Committee.

The Golf Tournament Sub-Committee received a letter from KBA sports requesting to be a vendor at the event. Deb Breckenridge suggested researching the company further, as the Taste of Rehoboth sub-committee received the same request and decided not to accept KBA Sports as a vendor.

A motion was made by Jake Kramer to hire KBA Sports as a vendor for the Golf Tournament, pending further research. The motion was seconded by Dave LeComte; approved unanimously.

Interviews for the Rehoboth Reporter

Mike Costello announced that Dick Georgia from the Rehoboth Reporter would like to interview sub-committee chairs of upcoming events. Connie Wenzel-Jordan suggested making sure that Laura Schwall, Chair of the Clambake and Ken Abrams, Chair of the Golf Tournament are interviewed. Mike Costello will reply to Mr. Georgia.

375th Parade

Mike Costello received an email from an aid of Gov. Baker regarding the Governor's participation in parade. They would like to receive parade details. Gov. Baker's office doesn't book events until six weeks out, but they would like to pencil in the 375th Parade. Jean Grota will be in contact with the Governor's office.

Jean Grota gave an update on the parade. New applications came in from people/businesses that will participate at no cost to the 375th Committee, such as Scott's Oil, Buggy Stevens, etc. Four other groups have applied to participate for a fee, but they would be worth having in the parade. The UMASS Lowell marching band applied to participate in the parade and is requesting a \$5,200 minimum. Cathy Potter is working on organizing militia groups and possibly a cannon on a float, which would cost \$500. So far, \$33,500 in fees has been allocated. We are looking at another \$8,475 with the four new groups and the cannon.

Jake Kramer made motion to accept the four new groups at the cost of \$8,475. Dave LeComte seconded the motion. Discussion: Deborah Breckenridge asked whether having a cannon in the parade would be worthwhile. Jean Grota and Jake Kramer said it would. Cynthia Lee asked if the cannon would fire during the parade. Jean Grota said that it would not fire during the parade, but could possibly start off the parade that way. The motion was approved unanimously.

A vendor with five grocery carts offered to pay \$300 to sell items along the parade route. They would request to be the only vendor along the parade route. Before giving an answer, Jean Grota will look for additional vendor options at the Bristol 4th of July Parade.

Jean Grota said that an estimated 1,300 people will participate in the parade. She also said that there may be extra room on busses for anyone interested to attend the 4th of July parade in Bristol. She will send an email to the 375th Committee with more information.

Block Party

Kim Fagundes will fill out a Harvest Block Party application for the 375th Committee.

375th Parade Roadside Cleanup

Abby Abrahamson gave an update on the roadside cleanup efforts for the 375th parade. The Keep Rehoboth Beautiful sub-committee will begin organizing a roadside cleanup that will take place sometime before the parade. The sub-committee also plans to distribute trash barrels along the parade route, so that participants and onlookers have a place to dispose of trash. Mike Costello said that he plans to collect the litter barrels from around town and use those for the parade route. In addition, the sub-committee is thinking about placing a "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful" banner on a vehicle such as a Highway Department truck at the end of the parade that will remind people to pick up their trash as they leave.

Any Other Business

Jake Kramer added that Carnival posters were printed. He also received a letter from Attleboro City Council with an invitation to "take back the town" on August 14th. Jake Kramer will attend as Town Crier. Mike Costello and Connie Wenzel-Jordan will also attend as Chair and Vice Chair of the 375th Committee, respectively.

Deb Breckenridge made a motion to reimburse Dave LeComte for Taste of Rehoboth event expenses. Ken Abrams seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Jake Kramer asked for an update regarding a donation from the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Sub-Committee to the 375th Committee. Abby Abrahamson said that it will be discussed at a sub-committee meeting tomorrow.

Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board, Jake Kramer made the motion to adjourn the Wednesday, March 28, 2018 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee meeting. Jean Grota seconded and the committee unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

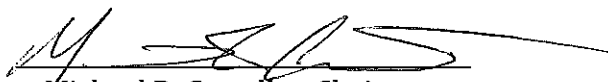
Respectfully submitted,



Abby J. Abrahamson

Meeting Minutes Approved (date and time): Date: _____ Time: _____

Signature of 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman
after minutes have been approved:


Michael R. Costello - Chairman