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Heritage Commission Meeting

December 3, 2018

Present: Mark Mastromarino, Paul Lindemann, Roger Konstant, Karen Blandford-Anderson, Phyllis Katsakiores, Rosemary Fesh, and Mary Eisner

Absent: T.J. Cullinane, Nicole Chalfant

Chairman's Report

- Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Boston Post Cane Search will begin on December 4, 2018 – criteria will be the same as previously stated.
- Robert Frost/StageCoach Scenic byway. Karen presented and update and aske the commission to renew their commitment to send \$200.00 for Derry's contribution towards the project. A motion was made by Paul Lindemann, seconded by Roger Konstant – the motioned carried 7-0. Kare will send the PO to Sheila Bodenrader for follow-up

Museum report:

- WWI exhibit is now open. Plans to be up until January 2019, but will keep it up until the 300th anniversary display is ready. Mark did a quick overview of the display and how it is organized. Soft opening on 12/2/18 with a hard opening on Sunday, 12/8/18.
 - Recognizing the men and women who served and died in the war
 - Set the context of what Derry was like during the War. Switch from the agricultural focus to a more industrial.
 - Considers the contribution of women during the war (Red Cross, etc.) and discuss how most of the men ended up in France
 - Then focus on the personalities and follow-up on the service men.
- Karen to attend the Town Council meeting on 12/4/18 to invite them to attend.
- Arthur Caras has a couple of large items in the basement of Upper Village Hall he'd like to have displayed somewhere. One is large cast iron piece and the other wooden table planar from Benjamin Chase Mill. He also has an old sleigh in his barn for hauling ice/wood that he'd like display for the 300th. Paul will follow-up to see how big the items are where we could potentially display them and get back to the commission.



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- Jack Lahey contacted Mark. He has a woven sign for the Derry Pound he would like to donate it to us, and Mark thinks it would be good item to display in the foyer. Mark to contact Jack to get the sign and then contact Mike Fowler to get it hung.
- Possible initiative with Derry Diner. They want to help display some historical items. Mark and Karen will set a time to go to breakfast on Thursday 12/5 at 8:30am to meet with Rick Dietrich and work on a plan.
- Horse Fountain – Update on the fountain to be presented by the Rotary Club to the Town council at 12/18/18 meeting.

Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery Report – Submitted by T.J. Cullinane (via email) - As discussed earlier, we are getting stuff done in the year of doing:

- The dilapidated fence around the old settler's plot has been taken down. The cast iron posts will be refurbished and re-purposed to form a new enclosure made of chain. Coordination has been made with Alan Cote.
- Two stones immediately adjacent to the old settler's plot have been restored
 - A table stone memorializing Thomas and Martha Steel
 - An upright marker commemorating Robert and Dolly Taylor
- Ten additional names have been added to the World War One Memorial in McGregor Park (on the attached picture they extend from Benjamin Adams to Bea Tuttle). Pictures of some of these individuals are included in the WWI photo album. I plan on drafting a news release within the next couple of weeks and will provide it to the group for review before sending it off to Julie Huss.
- I am planning a follow-up meeting with Matt Cahoon to discuss the Forest Hill based historical play and will advise you of the results
- The presentation of the top hat at the Chamber of Commerce ceremony went off without a hitch
- A presentation to the Londonderry Aviation Museum on World War I aviation was well received. A docent from the museum paid our museum a visit yesterday. I have been asked to present this program at the DPL as well.
- Margie Ives asked me to emcee the "Living Treasures" ceremony and I accepted. We will meet on November 28th to discuss detailed plans.

300th Anniversary Update

- New idea – Road Race will be sponsored by Parkland to be a health and fitness day to help with the fundraising.



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- Corbin Family has done Highland Games (modified games) for the summer to help put something on.
- Group in Ireland will assist in sponsoring some items. Paul is working with them on ideas
- Video was shown that were done with our assistance from Northern Ireland.
- Phyllis asked about the Parade Committee. Mary offered some information on the groups in town that she is aware of the parade groups. Richard Tripp is head of the committee. Paul explained all this to council.

New Business

- Pinkerton Volunteer Day – we need to work with the names that have been assembled. Passing this to Karen for follow-up.
- Arthur Caras would like an official date plaque. Paul is proposing that we develop a “template” to get a plaque made for his property and guideline for the policy to be established. Paul is proposing. Karen will get in touch with Nicole to see if she can take this on as a project.
- Storage Unit needs some assistance for filing in the cabinets. Coordinate this this Rick Holmes and see if we can do something. Mark will communicate with Rick to keep it moving. After holidays.

Adjourned – 8:26pm