

Kittery Celebration Committee
February 3, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Jeremy Paul, Todd Henley, Suzanne Esposito, Gail Lemont, Donald Hands, Ann Pierce, Jeff Thomson, Bob Gray, Kristi Mathieson, Kim Sanborn, Danna Eddy, Gary Hildreth, Eric Waddell, Sandi Lutts, Lee Perkins, D Allan Kerr

Committee members introduced themselves and agreed that the secretary position would rotate between members.

Jeremy and Suzanne discussed the previous theme that was brainstormed last meeting may be too broad – “How Kittery touched the world”. It was suggested to narrow this topic down and touch on the topical content of ***post, present future*** in the theme when deciding on the name.

Jeremy asked members if the committee wanted to focus on the 2020 bicentennial as well as the 375 year celebration. Members unanimously decided to focus on 2022 Kittery celebration.

Announcement to group - a presentation on the bicentennial that is on March 5th at Traip Academy Library

Funding was discussed – ideas included soliciting sponsors, reaching out to woodland farms or tributary for a 375 brew.

Brainstorming ideas around the celebration events included the following ideas:

- An expansion on the circle tour the 3rd graders do in Kittery for older students that may be new to the community and were not here for this tour.
- A historical tour of the older schools that are in Kittery that are no longer functioning as schools.
- Night at the museum to include an initiative for Kittery students to write biographies on historical town residents.
- Pictures/history of how government services have changed (early police/fire department/jail)
- Including information on how past citizens still have an impact on Kittery now (Rice, Traip)
- Bringing back the Navy band (this can take some significant time so earlier actions for this are better)
- Discussion around a 350 celebration activities – Trip to England Kingswhere (Kittery was named after this town in England) could this be something that is included in the 375 too?
- Charlie tours and Vamonde.com walking tours (at historical locations like fort foster, Fort McClary, the foreside)
- Trolley tours with a moderator
- Isles of Shoals
- Wood Island
- Taste of Kittery

375 celebrations need a webhost, logo, and slogan. Would Greenpages do something like this? What about SRTC graphic student program or adult logo design “call to artists” to design logo. Consider VAC involvement with this.

Group talked about the timing of the year long event starting not at the beginning of the year (January) but rather October – October (October 20 is the actual date of 350 anniversary). This would be a warmer time to start the celebration.

Jeremy suggested each person think about what part of the event they would like to work on and if the committee should break up into subcommittees to do work outside of the larger meeting.

Next meeting April 7 4:30 PM

Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM

Action Items/Items for Next Agenda

- Secretary for April meeting
- Kim will send Jeremy 350 sponsor info (done)
- Jeremy will reach out to Woodland Farms/Tributary (Kittery 375 brew)
- Determine sub groups/committees
- Follow up with other possible committee members
- Jeremy-reserve booth/table at Kittery Block Party for Celebration Committee (done)
- All members-feelers out for webhost, logo, etc. (cheaper the better 😊)