Williams Barn Committee

October 7, 2022

Minutes

Meeting opened: 6:27pm

Attending: May Brackett, Steve Woodin, Chris Darling, Matt Novak, Sandra Tobies, Bob Kniffen, Bruce Easom, Joe Twomey

Call to order

Last meeting’s minutes were approved

Accounts payable was approved

Farmer’s Market Intern Olive Cote informed the committee she had not been paid for the season yet. Her payments will be looked into as soon as possible.

The committee took time to reflect on this season’s markets. It was noted that understaffing caused many vendor absences. It was also noted that as the season progressed, attendance suffered. Attendance was particularly low the day before Grotonfest.

There are 14 vendors attending the Thanksgiving Market, including some from this past season. Sandra noted the market would be held rain or shine, unless there was an advisory not to drive on the roads. It was noted that there was enough cutlery (cups/napkins) for this years market, and purchase of it for cider/donuts is not necessary. In the past, we have utilized various small heating elements. None of them are functional at this point. It was brought up that this is hazardous to the barn anyway, and replacement of them is unnecessary. May brought up having a police detail at the Thanksgiving Market. She estimates the costs for a traffic detail will be around $200.

Sandra brought up Mike Weinberg of the Grange helping obtain a raffle permit again this year. The committee discussed raffle participants for this year. Sandra said she would ask Facets, the Barn Door. Steven said he would ask Ace Hardware. Joe said he would ask Marty’s Corner Cafe. Bob will ask Lavender, Groton Inn, Groton Hill. May will ask Luth’s Family Karate, John Madigan.

May brought up the barn clean up. She showed everyone various metal objects, bottles, and other trash collected around the barn. Bruce suggested having a member of the Historical Society look into the items to decide if they were worth keeping. Sandra and Bob suggested selling or giving away some of it at the market. Steve said he would collect the trash and dispose of it the following day, 10/08.

Sandra brought up the 3rd grade field trip, saying the school would like to try it in June.

The Women’s Club wreath sale is also on for December.

May asked everyone what their preference is for meeting days/times. It was agreed upon that they will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 4pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:21