

**Old Home Days Committee  
6/30/2008 Meeting Minutes**

Present at the meeting: Terri Trier, Maggie Trier, Morgan Murdough, Janis Poland, MaryEllen Schule, Jim Eilenberger, Debbie Connor, Avril Holdsworth and Marti Capuco.

The meeting was to be held at the Grange Hall but after arriving the committee decided to drive over to the Town Hall and meet over there because it would be cooler and we could go over the layout for the Craft Fair.

Upon setting up in the new location, Terri Trier announced that we will probably be getting a \$500.00 Grant/Donation from the Henniker Rotary. Everyone was very pleased. Terri then announced that with that donation, our total money accumulated is approx. \$3800.00. Once again everyone was very pleased.

Debbie Connor spoke about the Parade to us. She gave us a list of the ribbons that we need to order for the individual prize categories. We talked about those for a little bit then she told us about some Animal Characters that her husband was going to try and get to walk in the Parade. Those Characters included Smokey the Bear and McGruff the Crimefighter Dog. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea,. Terri Trier said that she would contact Pats Peak and see if they wanted to have their mascots march as well. Debbie then informed the group that we have 14 floats signed up already. She brought up the idea of throwing candy off the float. After much discussion the group decided that if people throw candy off the float, for safety purposes they should have people walking next to the float to keep young children away from danger. We then talked about trying to get some musical acts into the Parade. Various ideas were discussed and several people said that they would call people that they thought might like to participate.

Next Marti Capuco told the group about the ribbons that she would need for the Quilt Show. We briefly talked about the categories. Next she talked about the possibility that only a few people may enter because she hasn't had a lot of feedback. We all added that we would be more than happy to have quilts of our own displayed for the show to fill it up but not for prizes. We also touched upon the fact that the Historical Society would have some antique quilts on display for the weekend.

Next Terri and Marti talked about the 4 games that they were going to need prize ribbons for. The games were, Sack Races, Pie Eating Contest, Water Balloon Toss and Tug-a-War. Marti told the group that she could get blueberry pies from Market Basket for a good price. We all agreed to order them at the end of the month.

Next we got up from our table and started to walk around the area and discussed where various groups would go. We talked about White Birch and their children's games. MaryEllen discussed having someone paint faces. She said that WBCC had contacted a professional artist but that the person, in order to make money, would charge the kids. The whole crew including MaryEllen decided that we did not want that to happen and that all the games were free. We all decided that we would pay up to

\$50.00 for the two hours that the woman would be painting kids faces. MaryEllen said that she would tell WBCC what we decided.

Next we discussed the Chicken Barbecue. We talked about how traditionally they were located next to the big rock on the side of the Town Hall but that we could also put them into a large spot next to the parking area. I told the group that I would speak with John Webber, who is organizing this for the Congregational Church and let him decide. We also talked about tables and the menu.

Next we decided to walk over to the area behind the Simon Center where the Sat. Night Family Picnic would be held. When we reached our location we all stood on the stage and agreed that this was a perfect spot. We discussed the placement of vendors and the fact that they would not be able to walk through the crowd on that night. We also talked about the fact that the College - NEC- was going to allow us to use the bathrooms in the Simon Center during the evening. The group decided that because we were getting the free use of several Port-o-Pots over the weekend, that we should have a couple in the back as well.

We then talked about Banners for the Sponsor-a-Band donations and the size that they should be in order to be seen from the back. Morgan and Terri talked about how to hang them and both agreed that the bigger the better - 10ft or larger.

We then walked back to the Town Hall. Once there Terri told the group that if they were not working on their individual events during the weekend that people should be ready to help out other groups. Jokingly, everyone said they would not help each other out!

The meeting ended and we agreed to meet at the Town Hall again next Monday at 7pm.

Submitted by Terri Trier