**Notes from Stoddard 250 Anniversary Committee Meeting Feb 9, 2023**

* We are now holding regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the town hall.
* The most important item of business was reviewing a tentative budget (attached.) and discussing how much to ask from the town. It was agreed to ask for $18K, for expenses likely from July 1 2023 to the end of June 2024. This would cover publicity such as banners, website, and printing. **Geoff** is to talk to Michelle, the town manager, on the process of asking for this money in the town budget, how to get into the April budget meeting, and whether a warrant can be carried over into the next year.
* As organizations hear about the anniversary and want to “do something”, we need a tentative calendar of events for scheduling. **Program Committee** was asked to develop this for our next meeting.
* Church wants to do some event in August
* The Girl Scouts are very interested in participating somehow
* The PTO of the Faulkner School is excited about participating. It hasn’t yet been determined what and when the school feature will be. We would like to get the students involved as well.
* The Friends of the Library at their next meeting are discussing a headline speaker for the colder months, such as Bob Goodbye, archeologist. The committee asked if this could be online or hybrid, for more participation.
* **Geoff** Jones will come up with hikes, and leaders, once the Program Committee tells him when we want them.
* There seems to be interest from several musical groups wiling to perform in a series, and there’s a history of doing this in the town (e.g. dancing in Dan Eaton’s driveway). We need someone to organize. ***Joyce*** *contacted* ***Terri LaRoche****, who has agreed to lead this effort.*
* It was decided that the ending event in November will be an informal, “flannel shirt” Pig Roast at Lakefalls, with music and dancing. We have to decide on who to ask to organize this. Current thoughts are Sorell Downing, an event planner who just moved to Stoddard, and Mary Meyer, a Stoddard parent who is a lead planner for Memorable Events, a wedding planning firm.
* We have not heard from Hidden Lakes if they have any interest or ideas on how to participate. **Dian Mathews** responsible for following up.
* **Jason Kovarik** is interested in doing the website, and plans to come to the next meeting. We are still looking for a writer/editor and people willing to help publicize events. (Is this a marketing committee?)
* **Joyce** volunteered to ask some designers she’s worked with for ideas on a logo and identity.
* Souvenirs are still an open question.