Attendees:
Nancy Hayden, Judy Elliot, Gale Henry, Joya Pinkham Clark, Ken Ross-Raymond, John Herbert, Mac Johnson, Bonnie Lee, Cindy Owen, Joseph Schmidl

Old Home Day

Budget:
Under budget for the event, with about $444 available (see attached). The horses to draw the Concord Coach have been arranged and will cost $500. The annual Ravioli Dinner will be held on May 12th, from 5 to 7 at the Town Hall.

Parade:
Judy continues to line up participants (see attached). Judy has found out that the Kearsarge Community Band is available to play for an hour or two following the parade, for an additional charge. The group supported pursuing this option. Nancy noted that we have a 15-minute parade permit and the biggest parade ever, that will last much longer. Ken indicated that we never run only 15 minutes, and this shouldn’t be a problem. The horses for the coach have been arranged; they are experienced with loading/unloading the coach, as well as pulling it - all agreed it is money well spent. If it is rainy, the coach cannot be in the parade; however, in that case, the horse team will bring a wagon and fill it with something, perhaps children, and pull it in the parade. The Salisbury Historical Society hopes to put up a float that will contain descendants of some of the Town’s founders.

Other OHD Events:
Nancy reviewed her spreadsheet containing other OHD evenets and assignments (see attached). Discussed Cruise Night (Saturday evening, 5-7), and Nancy will contact Jim Henderson to confirm plans, and let him know it will overlap with the Dance, which will be from 7-9. The Lazy Boy Rockers are confirmed for the dance, Nancy wants to get a different Petting Zoo this year to run from 11-1 on Saturday; Cindy Owen will contact Derek Owens in Hopkinton. Nancy is working to convince her brother to portray Daniel Webster at OHD.

Sestercentenial Events

Budget:
So far, the committee has paid out about $8,904 for merchandise, and at this early point, has recouped about $3,200. Committee members will be selling merchandise at the upcoming Tea Party, Town-Wide Yard Sale, and other events.

Banners:
Greg Slossar has just sold Saymore Trophy, so Joya is comparing pricing on the production. The banners are: 4x14 ft for the Safety building, and 2x12 ft for the Town Hall. Joya presented examples; both banners will be on tan backgrounds with the sestercentenial logo printed in several colors - very attractive. Shooting for a late April deployment.
**Welcome Signs:**
Joya presented examples of the new “Welcome to Salisbury” signs, which will be 30x36, similar to but larger than the current ones. Cost is $109 each, 4 signs will be ordered. Ken will check with the Road Agent to see if the Town has posts that can be used for the signs (will require 2 each), or whether we will need to purchase them. The question was raised whether the signs should be part of the sestercentennial budget or the Town’s regular budget. The Selectboard will address this issue at its next meeting.

**Tea Party:**
Judy reported that the Tea Party has 42 registrations to date, with space for 60-70, so spaces are going quickly. Date is April 28th, beginning at 2 pm. Period dress for the event is 18th Century. At this size, we will need to rent some 5-ft round tables from Taylor Rental. set up will be on Saturday, April 28th. Judy asked to have an advertisement for the Tea Party added to Kathie’s Concord Monitor column. Gale & Joya will be selling sestercentennial merchandise, especially the tea towels, at this event.

**Anniversary Post Office Cancellation Stamp:**
Joya informed the committee that the US Postal Service provides a free service to create a one-day postage cancellation stamp to commemorate events such as the sestercentennial. Stamped envelopes can be cancelled on this date and used at a later date. Joya has contacted the local Postmaster regarding this. She suggested that we do it on OHD, but discussion followed that OHD would be very busy, and the postage stamp might be lost in the other events. It was suggested that we do this event closer to the end of the year, perhaps to coincide with Christmas card mailings.

**Welcome Wagons:**
A registration form will be created that will collect name, address, phone and email addresses from each participant. The Welcome Wagons will be on display during June and July, with judging performed on July 30th and 31st. Judy has recruited a team of judges. Each contestant will be provided with a sign that says “Welcome to Salisbury” and has their entry number on the back. Prizes will be $50, $25, and $10 gift cards; the committee will approach a sponsor to donate the prizes in return for including their logo on the participant sign.

**Town-Wide Yard Sale:**
Gale & Joya will be selling sestercentennial merchandise at this event. They will also be soliciting nominations for Citizen of the Year.

**Time Capsule:**
Judy had a long list of possible items to include in the time capsule, and has been working with Salisbury Elementary school staff to get the students involved, since they are the ones who will be digging it up.

**Andover 4th of July Celebration:**
Salisbury has been invited to participate in the Andover 4th of July Parade, and the committee agreed that we should. We will put together a float, likely incorporating the scale model of the Baptist Meeting House and some folks in 18th Century clothing. Perhaps include muzzleloader
fire. In addition, Gale & Joya will investigate getting a vendor space and selling sestercentennial merchandise at this event.

**Other Upcoming Events:**
A brief discussion of the following events was discussed. In September, participation in the Abbott-Downing event. A possible Masquerade Ball for October and a repeat of the reading of *A Christmas Carol* by Nancy’s brother. Gale & Joya will certainly procure a vendor space to sell sestercentennial merchandise at the Christmas Craft Fair event.

Submitted by Joseph Schmidl