

Friends of City Hall

Regular Meeting 6/28/2012

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda: No formal agenda.

Minutes: Minutes of 5/24/2012 were amended to correct address of future meetings. Next meeting on August 23rd will be at the Jim & Kim Turner home, at 361 N Main Street at 6:00 p.m. Minutes amended and approved.

Current Business:

The meeting tonight will focus on Heritage Day on October 6, 2012.

Becky updated us on all the events taking place that day.

A 1st draft of an oversize map of City Hall and the grounds was presented. It will have each area marked off for the different activities.

The Wagon rides have been offered free from Sue Chews. They will have a starting point at the corner of Pearl and N Elizabeth. The route will stay off M29 except at cross streets. It was suggested to place stop signs at each crossing. These may be available from MDOT. Some thought was given to have a guide on the wagon, but because the wagon is only a 2-seater, this would not be practical. Instead, the riders will be given copies of the walking tours pamphlets, which give details of many of the historically significant buildings en route. Amber will mark these buildings on the route map. It was decided to charge children under 12, \$1 and adults, \$2.

Children's events will be centered around the Gazebo with pot-holder weaving, rag dolls and handkerchief dolls. There may be a floor loom and table loom available for making small rag-rugs. The Petting Zoo brought by Jean & Joe Cherluck will be placed on the northeast side of Pearl St. There will be all kinds of farm animals including a llama and miniature goats.

The Artisans & Barn Raising will be on N Main side of City Hall, Civil War events on the east side and the Showmobile on the parking lot on the same side. The east Community band will also be in this area.

Fred Babel who will bring an amazing collection of Steam whistles, and land-working machines of the 1800's will be located on the southwest side with vendors nearer Pearl Street on the east side of the building.

Other miscellaneous facts, ideas and suggestions followed:

- Cello making and demonstration
- Achatz on the back parking lot will serve authentic period foods.
- Tours of City Hall may or may not occur. Architect, Wesley Thompson might agree to do these.
- Look for a boat builder who builds the old style wooden boats [either normal size or models]. Contact John Foley of Pride & Heritage, and Doris Jackson for someone on Harsen's Island.
- A recently discovered log cabin was found inside a home down river.
- Becky found an American Mail Order Fashions catalogue, showing all the fashion styles from 1880 to 1900. They could help with ideas of what to wear at the Heritage Day event
- A Badge to wear was suggested instead of members wearing a uniform
- Looking for ideas for the Time Capsule at City Hall
- Bathrooms will be placed near the petting zoo