

Ridgely 150th Anniversary Meeting
December 8th, 2016
Town Hall; 6:30PM

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Carnival Update
 - a. Pro Parties by Masten brothers
 - b. Contract signed; they are donating 15% of proceeds, using own generators
4. Concert Update
 - a. Our concerns have been submitted to SKM; will be resolved
 - b. Waiting for final agreement to be signed by The Reagan Years before presenting us with final production contract
5. Publicity Update
 - a. Tom Ober initiatives
 1. Flyers with business coupons
 2. Separate website (ridgely150.org) is functional; content being added
 3. Working on paypal account paperwork
 - b. Will send town residents schedule of contests via water bill mailing; next deadline?
 - c. Caroline Review article to be submitted in January
 - d. RHS town buildings chat January 14; hold each month using a different topic?
 - e. Sister city paperwork underway; mostly symbolic but with sign, newspaper article
 - f. Kathy Mackel ads; timing?
6. Funding Update
 - a. Grant from Stories of the Chesapeake yet?
 - b. Caroline County Commissioners check yet?
 - c. Corporate requests to Walmart, Subway, Royal Farms; others in progress
 - d. Progress on other sources of funding? (Stephanie)
 - e. Larger SCHA grant opens in January
 - f. Choptank Electric Trust
7. Elementary School Update
 - a. Christmas trees details
 - b. 150 pennies final numbers
8. Outreach Update
 - a. Post Office Cancellation progress?
 - b. Flag contest winner; uses? (also seen in newspaper)
 - c. Storefronts?
 - d. Eric Cheezum?
 - e. Church liaison?

9. Souvenir Program Update

- a. Hall of Fame: next to be rolled out
- b. Cover contest (deadline March 15); Recollections (April 15); Hall of Fame (April 15); Pictures by Decade (April 1); Signature Pages (April 15); Ads (April 15)

10. Train Station Update

- a. Groundbreaking event; set a date now?
- b. Use Mid-Shore Community Band?

11. Parade Update

- a. More dignitaries confirmed?
- b. Graduating years of Ridgely High School; reunion this year? Contact?
- c. Contact fire departments from all of Delmarva; middle/high school bands; soccer/football
- d. Permit process

12. Holiday Tours Recap

- a. Numbers, feedback (facebook ad really worked; article in newspaper too)
- b. Next year(s): library, fire houses, Henry Hotel, Trinity AME, New Beginnings, Garretts, Ridgely Elementary School, train station, Town Hall history, movie theatre, cannery, Tuckahoe State Park, Benedictine School, Oak Lawn, Marblehead, others?
- c. Include as part of a shop local day prior to parade

13. Community Field Day Update

- a. Developing structure: organizations vs. organizations; kickball? softball?
- b. Old Fashioned Baseball Game or other spectator-driven main event
- c. How to reserve fields
- d. Invitations for alumni of Ridgely sports teams

14. New Committees: Arts Liaison, Tech Liaison

- a. Reached out to Art (Kurt Plinke) and Computer Science (Lawrence Bodzer) at NCHS

15. Volunteers Update

- a. Meet every two weeks in 2017?
- b. Work using group email/reply all
- c. SSPP students; NCHS contacts?
- d. Need another contest/initiative for Robyn Bell of Provident State Bank; sponsor time capsule? Deadline of May 1; bury at May 13 birthday party?

16. Other

- a. Caroline County Historical Society Annual Meeting in April: Ridgely is the topic
- b. No Crab Feast on May 26; coordinate with churches instead?
- c. Museum space: old library update; other locations?

17. Next meeting: January 5th and/or 19th