

**Bennington Free Library Board
Sesquicentennial Celebration Planning
February 11, 2015**

Present: Lynne Fonteneau-McCann, Maureen Loy, PJ Venti, Kelly Legacy, Kathy Murphy, Chrissy Morrissey, Mike Munson, Dave Newell

June 23, 2015 is the actual date of the BFL's 150th Anniversary

ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY / SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Use capital drive to raise funds for roof repairs

BFL Trustees want the exact amount needed before starting to solicit

Still waiting for all bids

Lynne still exploring Planning Grant opportunities

Question ability to use modern materials since not seen

Have architect involved in process

Design review Board will need to approve

CHAMBER MIXER: Tuesday, June 23rd @ the Library

Actually occurs on 150th anniversary of the BFL - a great venue to promote BFL

Make it a fun event -

Scavenger Hunt: Kelly will work on that with high school volunteers

Partner with restaurant - PJ will look at list of chamber members

Library Archive: history of library

MURAL: of books - donors have names on books - Request donations be made in multiples of \$15 , \$150, \$1500 etc.

Scroll across top - 1865 - 2015 (still being planned)

BATTLE DAY: Sunday, August 26th

BFL will have float with children dressed as favorite literary

character....not only children, anyone who wants to dress up can ride the float / walk beside it

An idea to decorate float....Will need to solicit artist to possibly draw covers of famous books

Lynne to talk to Parade committee

Chrissy Morrissey will chair

Dave to get trailer

Jon Goodrich ? provide space to house the trailer during decoration

AUTHOR / CELEBRITY EVENTS:

possible list of authors: Stephen King, Julia Alvarez, Dan Brown, Jodi Picoult, Billy Collins, Chris Bohjalian,

CELEBRITIES: Most Interesting Man in the World (lives in Dorset), Ron Howard. Christopher Lloyd

Should event be "higher end event" i.e. fewer people...? speaker preference

Lynne will write letters-have trustees sign

MISCELLANEOUS:

Book Sale April 24- 25: Do publicity regarding the 150th anniversary

Mayfest: May 23: More publicity regarding the 150th Anniversary

Contact local artist to come up with library / 150 anniversary logo

Lynne to get something out on facebook re: artist / logo

also Library / Bennington publicity on facebook "fact of the week"

PJ to contact Bennington Banner regarding publicity for all events and she will also explore grant possibilities

Slate Art opportunity

Archer Mayor has already agreed to auction off Naming; i.e. Using one's name in book

Chrissy Morrissey suggested library theme diorama contest in the local schools.

Will explore with Chris and Linda and school librarians

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Loy