

Newport Historical Society Fundraising Committee Report for July 8, 2013

- 1) Tiger & Airport ornaments for 2013 – We have received the final 50 of each.
- 2) We had 20 sets of Parlin Field note cards made up with 15 sets going to Parlin Field Operations Center to be sold at \$5.00 per set like our other note cards. We kept 4 sets for the Farmers Market and sent one complimentary set to Joan Dodge.
- 3) At the June meeting, the tee shirt graphic design was approved subject to making “The Sunshine Town” letters more readable. There was discussion on whether to have the design on the front or the back of the shirt. To have a small, pocket size graphic for the front of the shirts when the main graphic is on the back would cause the price to increase from \$17.00 to \$23.00. It was decided that when the main graphic appears on the back, the front will be plain white. The medium, large and x-large shirts will sell for \$17.00 with the 2x-large selling for \$20.00. We will offer the graphic on both the front and back of the shirt. Once “The Sunshine Town” wording was fixed, 144 of the graphic transfers were ordered and 72 white tee shirts in the following quantities:

(6) medium, (24) large, (36) x-large and (6) 2x-large.

It was hoped that we would have the first batch to sell for the July 5 Farmers Market, but Bacon Graphics is still awaiting the arrival of the transfers. We hope to have them for the July 12 market.

We will offer sweatshirts beginning with the Apple Pie Craft Fair on August 24. Sweatshirt prices will remain at \$28 as with the Pier Bridge and 250th sweatshirts.

- 4) Stan continues working on a basic outline of the Nettleton House for the etched camp mug.
- 5) Our presence at the Farmers Market continues. Unfortunately we did not set up on June 28 as severe thunderstorms were predicted. The weather remained good until 6pm when we would have been packing up. Then the skies opened up. At that point we were glad that we had made the decision not to participate that day. Sales were June 14 \$52.00, June 21 \$91.00 and July 5 \$127.63. Sales have been a bit lower than last year but other vendors are also experiencing the lower sales.
- 6) We also participated in Chamber Day on June 22 with sales of \$74.50. Larry and Jerry brought down the photo board and we had a large display of old Newport reproduced photos that were rotated on an hourly basis. There was always a group of people looking at them.
- 7) Larry has selected 12 new vintage postcards for a second set. Pris has enhanced the images for lighter/darker as needed. Larry has put together short descriptions of the individual cards for the sheet that will accompany each set. We hope to have these available in the next few weeks. Like the first set put out by the Friends of the Library, they will sell for \$7.00.

8) As voted at the June meeting, Joan has changed the date on the back for any unfinished Parlin Field ornaments from 1930 to 1929 and added "601" to the bi-plane. As mentioned above, we have received the second half of the original order and 20 boxed ornaments will be delivered to Heath Marsden, Airport Manager.

9) It was decided at the June meeting not to pursue the Sarah J. Hale medallion commemorating the 150th anniversary of Thanksgiving as a national holiday and her part in making it happen. It was felt that the medallion would encroach on the medal given to the Sarah Hale book award recipients. Jackie will check with Joan Dodge to see if she can paint an ornament with a head shot of SJH instead.

12) Regarding having copies of Ann Stout's photo book of the Newport Greek community still living today, the cost would be prohibitive and the project cancelled.

Respectfully submitted
Jackie Cote and Stan Sweeney