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Barnard House Steering Committee

MEETING NOTES – Meeting held Thursday, February 17, 2011, Township Building, 740 Denton Hollow Road, 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Georgia F. Brutscher, Mary Dugan, Kris Firey-Poling, Susan Simone, and Ricki Stumpo, Vice Chair, Founders Day Committee.

- (1) Brutscher reported on a meeting held at the Barnard House (“House”) with Architect Dennis Melton, Township Supervisor Steve Conary, and skilled/restoration carpenter Glenn McNemar, regarding the following:
 - a. Preparation of scope of work required to stabilize the House.
 - b. Remove plumbing and repair hole in the ceiling.
 - c. Repair floor beams in order to open two rooms to the public during Founders Day.
 - d. Brutscher reported that the Founders Day Committee supports making the House a hayride destination on September 18th as part of the 2011 theme focusing on The Kennett Underground Railroad Center (KURC). Visitors will have access to one or two rooms in the House that will include an exhibition set up by KURC. Opening the House affords the community an opportunity to become familiar with the proposal to repurpose the property. Volunteers from KURC and the Barnard House Steering Committee will be on site during Founders Day to guide and direct visitors. Programming discussions are ongoing with final programming contingent upon completion of repairs to stabilize the House before September 18th. The benefits of opening the House during Founders Day is an appropriate use of current grant money.
 - e. The BVA, the Drobish Barn, and the Schoolhouse will not be hayride destinations.
- (2) Particulars for the House as a destination during Founders Day are as follows:
 - a. Bernard Baily will be asked to do a “test run” to time the ride from the Park to the House so that organizers can gauge the number of visitors making each trip and the number of trips possible in a four-hour time period.
 - b. Refreshments will not be available at the House.
 - c. The hayride looping the trail would be an option if stones were installed along the trail edge to accommodate the wagon; however, the trail loop will add to the time of the run so looping the trail is not recommended.
 - d. A parking area will be designated at the House for visitors who choose to drive to the site.
 - e. Corinne Road will be closed/detoured to one lane to accommodate the tractor/wagon.

- f. Signs for the Barnard House opening will be posted in the area. Brutscher will let Stumpo know the number of signs needed and the text so that Stumpo can order them when she orders the Founders Day signs.
 - g. A walking tour from the Park to the House might be a suitable Scout project if it includes historical narrative, literature, etc. Firey-Poling will discuss with Historical Committee regarding a Scout who needs to complete service hours.
 - h. Volunteers to staff the House will be provided by KURC and Barnard Steering Committee.
 - i. Two volunteer work days must be scheduled to paint and pull staples.
 - j. Public Works will install fencing around the cistern.
 - k. Stumpo will include a portable toilet for the House as part of the Founders Day portable toilet order.
 - l. All costs associated with the Barnard House opening during the Founders Day event (portable toilet, signs, etc.) on the 18th will be allocated to the Barnard House budget and not charged against the Founders Day budget.
- (3) Going forward, Brutscher anticipates holding a fundraiser on the property during 2011; perhaps in October.
 - (4) Brutscher will be meeting with Krisp Communications to develop a list of potential financial contributors, grant submissions, and branding opportunities.
 - (5) Firey-Poling on behalf of Historical Committee offered to assist KURC with displays set up in the Schoolhouse during Founders Day. Dugan will discuss with KURC the type of artifacts, documents, or posters that might work as a display at the Schoolhouse. KURC does not anticipate setting up a table in the Park as they did in 2009 and 2010.
 - (6) Stumpo suggested that the Barnard House Steering Committee set up a table at the Pocopson Home on election day in May to generate interest for the exhibition.
 - (7) **Next meeting: to be determined.**

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2/25/2011/with revisions to letter h. and letter l.