

Starksboro Historical Society (SHS)

Date: 7-22-2024

Location: Public Library

Time: 6:30 - 7:15PM

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Dan Baker, Pete Antos-Ketcham, Peg Casey, Herb Olson, Ruth Beecher

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: LOST NATION (film featuring Ethan Allen + Lucy Terry Prince)
After much discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved for SHS to host Jay Craven's *Lost Nation* film on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 at the Meeting House.

Most discussion ensued regarding the price of admission. We decided to ask for donations only, securing sponsorships and outright donations instead. The reasoning for offering for free is to welcome everyone and to support those in our community who are struggling financially. We already raised two \$100 with donations from Dennis Casey Excavating, and Herb Olson, with another two \$100 donations on deck! Furthermore, Dan Baker said Stark Mountain Woodworking indicated interest as a sponsor during an exploratory conversation with Louis duPont.

Dan and Ruth offered to coordinate to reach out to sponsors. (Is anyone else interested in joining us?) Need to work out some logistics: *send donations to whom? checks payable to SHS? donations (private) vs sponsorships (business) delineation? ideas for who to ask?*

On the night of the film, Sept. 20, we will need to take care of the Meeting House set up, clean up, lock up. *Who will be responsible for each part?*

We came up with a list of questions (for the associate producer, Nicole Doerges) which are answered in the section below:

NEW INFORMATION (dated 7-27-24, from Nicole Doerges, associate producer):

Film length, Q&A, rating: 1 hour 47 minutes long; 30 minutes for Q&A; rated PG-13 for “some violence, a scene with blood, and some language, including the use of the n-word. But we’ve had audience members younger than that accompanied by parents.”

50-50 split: \$125 fee for projector and digital poster is included in the split (so if for example, the event grossed \$1400, SHS would receive \$700 and Jay would receive \$575 plus the \$125 charge to bring him \$700, which includes the \$500 base fee)

Digital poster: Choose size 11x17 or 8.5x11; need logistical info (*time, price, anything else?*) before their graphic artist can put it together. They can print and send paper copies of posters at an additional charge for printing/postage. (*If not them, then who?*)

Promotion: Kingdom County Productions (KCP) can help with promotion and advanced ticket sales through their website, if we want. They would need to know the ticket price and capacity of the venue. They will also send some promotional materials to share and a link to the online portal if applicable.

OTHER BUSINESS Tabled for next meeting:

Will we want to have a shared fundraiser or just SHS, with a donation to the Meeting House for use of space?

Will we include area Historical Societies to draw in more folks? Should we ask them for a donation to help cover our cost including \$500 base fee, \$100 projector, \$25 poster? Do we want to have refreshments? If so, who will provide (food, drinks, cups, etc) and who will run? Offer for free?

Need to know the max capacity of Meeting House, and determine the film’s start time.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Aug. 5, 2024

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Meeting House

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Beecher