

Draft Meeting Minutes
375th Anniversary Committee
February 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Brian McGlone.

Members Present: Anita Catardi, Carl Balestracci, Paul Mei, Roberta Flannery, Janet Testa, Brian McGlone, Stephen Page, Margaret Livingston, Veronica Wallace, Lisa Calderone.

Public Comment: Joel Helander invited Danielle Ott to the meeting. Danielle is on the high school newspaper staff. She would like to run a photo contest, in conjunction with the 375th celebration. The photos would be open to a broad topic. Danielle and the newspaper staff will work with Roberta and Lisa, on this project. The Committee would like to use any poems, articles and photos from the school newspaper in press releases.

Joel and Danielle, of Arthur Murray Dance Studio, would like to make themselves available to help with the celebration.

Minutes:

Carl motioned to accept the minutes of February 10th, Stephen seconded the motion, Anita abstained, all others approved.

Treasurer's Update:

N/A – Veronica will obtain the report and email it to the committee members.

Correspondence:

Randy Smith, an artist, is looking to promote his artwork in conjunction with the celebration.

Crystal Ball:

The Crystal Ball will now take place at the Pine Orchard, in Branford. The Pine Orchard has met the same price point as the Guilford Yacht Club.

There are flyers distributed and placed on the website. A full page ad will be in the next Guilford Courier.

Book Status:

The book is being bound. It will be in by the end of the week. Royal Printing has offered to “sell” them at their shop. In addition, Breakwater Books, Town Hall, the Community Center and Sachem Card and Party will have them available. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

Free copies will be given to the Library, the school libraries, the Selectmen, Joel Helander, subcommittee members and the Diamond Sponsors will receive five copies and

all other sponsors will receive two. Some copies will be sent to the magazine, i.e. Connecticut Life and Yankee Magazine. The Nettleton family will also receive copies

Guilford and the Civil War

A reporter and photographer covered the auditions for the Civil War reenactment.

Rick Misenti has committed to playing the Town Crier.

The subcommittee is exhibiting a lot of positive energy and everything is moving along quite nicely.

Trails/Covenant Weekend:

The Fire Department is all set. The subcommittee is still in communications with the Police Department. Parking is being worked out. There is a wedding at St. George's on June 7th.

Veronica suggested getting together with Roberts to promote the kiosk being made from Guilford wood, the wood is being processed in Guilford, and the shop students at Guilford High School are constructing it.

A student at the high school is recruiting others to lay out the mural. A retired art teacher has committed to heading up the project.

Carl motion to approve Paul's request for an advance up to \$1,500 for supplies for the mural and hardware for the kiosk, which includes the plexiglass to cover the message board, Brian second, all in favor.

Public Works has expressed concern over the safety of the people working on the mural and the traffic in the area. Paul assured the committee that the work will always be done on one side of the street and will be cordoned off to traffic. The students will be supervised by adults at all times. There is a plan in place to borrow some pop up tents, to shade the artists.

Carl suggested that the committee think about whether the portrait should be pursued, due to the high cost of the project. Carl was informed that \$10,000 was not an unreasonable price for this type of project and the project could go to around \$30,000. The committee agrees that this project should be put on hold, pending financial outcomes.

Website:

Lisa suggested that perhaps a student or students, from the high school, might be able to assist her in maintaining the website.

Publicity:

Flyers for the Ball have been distributed to 2/3 of the Post Road. Roberta will distribute the rest within the week. The Ball will also be covered again in the March issue of Guilford Life Magazine.

There will be a proof for bricks to be engraved, using the celebration logo. The bricks would be added to those that are engraved in the walkway of the library. The cost would be \$300, plus \$250 for the logo, plus \$20 service fee, for a grand total of \$570, per engraved brick.

Roberta has written drafts of eight to ten pieces and photos that will be published in Guilford Life Magazine. They will be submitted by March. All of this information will also be submitted to the newspapers.

Brian made a motion to approve the cost of the bricks, up to \$600, Anita seconded, all in favor.

Other:

On March 8th, Veronica will be meeting with the clergy for the Ecumenical service.

The parade is scheduled for September 20th and the committee will be doing a float.

Forty tickets have been sold for the Crystal Ball.

Adjournment:

Anita made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., Roberta seconded, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Moore, Clerk