

Final Meeting Minutes
375th Anniversary Committee
June 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Anita Catardi.

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

Public Comment: N/A

Minutes:

Janet motion to accept the minutes as amended, Stephen second, with unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report:

The fireworks have been paid.

There are still some bills to come in from the Trails/Covenant Day.

Committee is obligated for \$5,000.

Approximate bottom line to date is \$24,223.30.

Trails/Covenant Recap:

The Committee received a \$24,000 state grant for the Covenant Day, which will more than cover the expenses.

The original Covenant document is going back to Massachusetts on Monday.

Someone, meaning to do well, accidentally mowed the vines that were planted around the Covenant stone.

Covenant:

- Good turnout.
- Everyone enjoyed the event.
- The kids were fabulous.
- Parking was no problem.
- The Police Department was very cooperative in traffic control.

Trails:

- The mural looks great and the students surprised Paul with not only adding the 375th logo, but by also adding the trails logo.
- 42 people went on the hike that was led into the center of town.
- Over 25 people participated in the paddle.
- Most of the neighbors on Seaside Avenue were present at Chittenden.

Interfaith Service:

The service is moving along. They would like to put a tree on the Green to commemorate the 375th, which will cost \$500.

Carl move to pay the \$500 for a tree on the Green, Paul second, Stephen abstained, with the rest approving.

Website:

There are two videos pending, however, Lisa does not have the space to be able to stream them to the website. She is working with Andrew Sabada to possibly stream the videos from his server.

Lisa is also working with a couple of photo albums.

Betty Abel sent a “What Guilford Means to Me” essay that has been put up on the website. Lisa would like this to be a lead story for the recap and also to ask subscribers what Guilford means to them.

Carl will send Lisa, Gordie Whiteman’s email so that she can do a story on him, along with a photo.

Publicity:

Michael Greco was the winner of the photo contest and Roberta will work on some publicity for him.

Other:

Brian informed the Committee that Tracy does not want to be reimbursed for the publication of her book.

Anita reminded the Committee to think about adding the names of the eight soldiers that were left off of the Civil War monument on the Green. Also, Anita asked the Committee to consider donating a plaque to be placed on the Little Schoolhouse.

Simeone Leete Day:

- The Committee was given credit for supporting the first Simeone Leete Day.
- There were about 100 people in attendance.
- Rosa DiLauro, Pat Widlitz and Joe Mazza issued proclamations, one of which Mr. Mazza made it officially Simeone Leete Day. Around 25 Leetes were present.
- There were historic hikes to the Indian Caves, where women and children hid from the British during the Revolutionary War.

The Community Picnic is July 12th and it has been extended from its normal ours to 12 – 7. Anita would like to set up a table for merchandise from 3 – 6 and will need volunteers to help out.

Lou Weady, owner of Royal Printing, passed away. The Committee members are donating, from their own pockets, to the Guilford Foundation fund that Mr. Weady started.

Parade invitations are printed and will be mailed out to the dignitaries to join for a pre-parade brunch and to march.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to discuss, Stephen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brian, at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Moore, Clerk