

Final Meeting Minutes
375th Anniversary Committee
August 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Veronica Wallace
Members Present: Veronica Wallace, Stephen Page, Janet Testa, Anita Catardi, Gene Bishop, Paul Mei and Roberta Flannery

Public Comment: N/A

Minutes:

Anita motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2014, seconded by Janet, with unanimous agreement.

Interfaith Service/Fireworks/Concert Recap:

The Community Picnic was well attended and over \$500 of merchandise was sold. Fireworks were great. There are some pictures on the website.

The Interfaith Service was very nice. There was a reception afterward. The administration representing the sister church was very pleased. There was a tree planted on the Green in recognition of 375 years of religious freedom. Not much money was raised to donate to the sister church.

Committee discussed the allocation of the \$500 it agreed it would expend toward the tree on the Green, however, because the Church has already paid for a tree to be planted the committee discussed applying the 375th allocation to the tree fund.

Parade Update:

- Publicity is in the works.
- Four fife and drum corps are committed to marching and one of those has committed to the muster in addition to marching. Stephen is working on getting the other three corps to participate also. Stephen is thinking there will be total of seven corps participating in the march and three of those in the muster. Each corps will be compensated for the muster.
- Governor's Foot Guard will be attending.
- 85% sure the Coast Guard Academy Band will be attending.
- Not many responses for the pre-parade brunch have been received at this time.
- Committee will march.
- People who worked on the subcommittees and helpers for the signature events, i.e. mural, Civil War reenactment, etc, should be invited to the march. (did we say that? Or were we talking about inviting them to the thank you party?)

Treasurer's Report:

All outstanding expenses to be accounted for so the books can be finalized.

Town Gift Discussion:

- Joel Helander and Tracy Tommaselli are verifying the names and spellings of the missing names on the Civil War Monument.

- The Little Schoolhouse on Clapboard Hill Road needs a plaque.
- Donation should be made to each of the museums, including the historic tours.
- Need \$1,000 for the brunch on parade day.
- Would like to leave \$4,000 for the 400th Committee.
- Left over Merchandise packages could be put together for the foundation auctions, etc and for a time capsule for the next Committee.

Thank Yous:

The Guilford Foundation sent a letter to the Committee in thanks for the donation to the Lou Weady Foundation.

A full page color ad will be placed in the Courier thanking everyone that should be thanked. The ad will be traded in for the remaining four quarter page ads. The ad will be run in October. The deadline for the list of those to be thanked needs to be in by the next meeting. Please be sure the spelling of all names is correct.

Website:

There is a photograph from the Interfaith Service that Roberta will write a blurb about to go with the photo and both will be placed on the website.

Publicity:

The press release for the parade has been written. Karin Garrity, from the Courier, is looking for a quote for the parade event.

The photos from the high school photo contest are on display in the Community Center.

Roberta suggested thinking about what should be put into the time capsule. Things brought up:

- What Guilford would be like in the future (entries from the library drop box).
- High School photo.
- One of each merchandise product.
- Organize all of the articles that have been saved.
- Any publications that have been saved.
- Use commemorative books and have all members write a message and sign.
- All minutes.

Other:

The First Selectman has approved using some of the money to have a thank you party for the Committee.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to discuss, Anita motioned to adjourn, seconded by Roberta, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Moore, Clerk