

Draft Meeting Minutes
375th Anniversary Committee
September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Veronica Wallace
Members Present: Veronica Wallace, Anita Catardi, Stephen Page, Janet Testa, Carl Balestracci, Gene Bishop, Paul Mei, Heidi Samuelson, Brian McGlone and Roberta Flannery.

Public Comment: N/A

Minutes:

Brian motion to accept the minutes of August 4, 2014, with amendments, seconded by Stephen, with unanimous agreement.

Parade Update:

- 40 – 45 marchers.
- 12 fife and drum corps.
- 6 other music units.
- 5 floats from 5 schools.
- Muster – 7 corps are participating – possibly 2 more. Muster will take place after the parade. Carl will check on the location of the muster at the fairgrounds.
- DiLauro and Murphy will attend – Malloy accepted tentatively.
- 45 people are attending the pre-parade brunch.
- Brunch will be catered by Cilantro's.

Anita motion to move \$5,000 from the 375th Committee Fund to the Citizen's Day Parade Fund, seconded by Janet, Stephen abstained and the rest agree.

Treasurer's Report:

- The credit card processing machine has been handed back in.
- Net cash on hand is \$24,445.06.
- Please get in any outstanding expenses so that the books can be closed out.
- \$4,000 to be earmarked for the 400th celebration.
- Monetary gift to each of the museums for historic preservation (\$1k – \$2k each).
- Seed money for the historic bus tours.
- Stephen suggested setting up an endowment fund for the museums, rather than giving money directly to them (375th Legacy Fund).
- Dennis Cullitan would like to bring back the Civil War plays to the 8th grade. \$750 should cover stipends. Maybe put it in the GFFE.
- Committee could write up a request for how the money should be used.
- Janet spoke with someone about a time capsule. The cost of the capsule would be roughly \$2,600 without shipping. Town Hall has two atmospherically controlled rooms that can be used as an effective alternate.
- Veronica and Stephen will talk to Liza Petra (Guilford Foundation), about setting up a legacy fund.

Town Gift Discussion:

- The Native American site needs a gravestone. Carl thinks there should be enough money left from the Covenant grant to cover it.
- Carl ordered some small copies of the Covenant, the cost of which will be covered by the grant.

Thank Yous:

A list of thank you's has been created. Roberta will make any corrections that need to be made. All additions should be sent to Roberta and she will make any changes or corrections that are necessary. As soon as the list is clean it will be in one of the October editions of the Courier. They will be in full color.

Website:

Website is updated to reflect the new merchandise pricing.

Other:

There will be a Founder's Day event at the Whitfield Museum. It is sponsored by the Whitfield Museum. Admission is \$3.75.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to discuss, Carl motioned to adjourn, seconded by Anita, at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Moore, Clerk