

250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee
January 26, 2023
Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library

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Attendance: Linda(Chapman) Collette, Regina Stanek, Joe Lupa, Bruce Durand, Kathy(Hurley) Ouimette, Denise(Hurley) Zrakas, Elaine(Lewison) Hodgman, Bob Mishol, Anthony Curto
Guest: Quinn Vazquez, Dave Sady

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Call To Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm- Joe Lupa sang the National Anthem acapella.
Bruce Durand asked Joe Lupa if he would sing national Anthem to kick off the 250th parade on June 15, 2023. Joe Lupa accepted.

Motion to approve the minutes from November 2022 was made by Bruce Durand, Joe Lupa 2nd the motion.

*****Motion Passed*****

Old Business

501c3 is still being worked on Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette gave \$41.00 to John Diotelevi for the filing fee.

Treasurers Report- Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman

- Account has \$62, 351.17.
- 2 deposits have not been posted, which should add about \$600.00 to the account
- Invoices submitted for hats and tickets printing for Hypnotist show.
- Linda (Chapman)Collette was reimbursed \$916.00 for payment of the mug order she put on her credit card.
- The committee has still not received the other \$25,000 from the state.

New Business

- **Chair Updates**
Block Party/Picnic is scheduled for June15, 2023 at Gazebo Park & veterans Memorial Park.
Logistics for parking will be discussed later.
Trailer Trash the band has been booked for the event.
Need to investigate lighting and stage for this event. Possible contact Eversource about dropping a line for more power.
- **Villa Rose**
Dine for a Cause dates that the committee is requesting are February 15, 2023 or March 29, 2023
- **Volunteers**
Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette reached out to all volunteers that signed up to help the committee about history book and other activities
- **Picnic**

There will be a picnic meeting on Monday January 31, 2023, at Ludlow High School room B-103
Amusements will be done by Manuel Amusement

Monitor for handicap parking will be needed.

Kathy(Hurley) and Denise (Hurley) Zrakas will be chairing this event
Anthony Curto volunteered to reach out to 2 local bands Kingdom of Loas and Lobsters from Marz to see if they would be interested in playing at the picnic.

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• **Hilarious Hypnotist**

Friday night March 3, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm show starts at 7:30pm. Cash bar , Raffles, and 50/50 raffle and a DJ for dancing

Linda (Chapman) Collette is having posters made thru Hampden County Correctional Facility
All committee members have been asked to sell 20 tickets.

Need prizes for Chinese raffles. Joe Lupa & Denise (Hurley) Zarkas will be handling this raffle.

• **LCTV**

Butch Regnier has had to resign from the committee due to health reasons. The committee has asked Anthony Curto to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for a citation for Butch for his outstanding work on the committee.

Clarke Kennedy proposed to the committee to start doing short videos of testimony from Ludlow residents starting ASAP and going right up until the 250th Celebration. Committee would like Clarke to come to next meeting to bring forward more info and a sample of his work. Clarke Kennedy could possibly fill in for Butch Regnier doing LCTV Interviews.

• **Online payment**

Possible to sell hats or other items. But also, for selling tickets to events thru online payment apps, Venmo, gazelle, apple pay etc.

Anthony Curto made a motion to have Joe Lupa and Denise(Hurley)Zarkas handle setting this up, motion was 2nd by Bruce Durand

*****MOTION PASSED*****

• **Social Media Content-Joe Lupa**

Joe expressed that we needed to get more youths involved. Which could be done by setting up a Content creator position. The committee would set aside \$2500.00 a year for youths or anyone to create videos for the 250th committee. These videos would pertain to the committee's events and or history of the town. Each approved video would receive a fee of \$5 or \$10. There could possibly be an average of 2 to 3 videos a week. Depending on the views the maker could get more money.

Bruce Durand made a motion to start with \$500 and go up to \$2500 a year. This would be posted by Town of Ludlow Human Resources for a content creator. Anthony Curto 2nd the motion. The motion was amended to push this forward to Human Resources and Board of Selectman

*****MOTION PASSED*****

• **PTO**

Denise (Hurley) Zarkas would like to go to PTO meetings to get younger people involved. This would have to be run by the school superintendent. Possibly reach out to all youth groups in town Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church youth groups etc. Joe Lupa offered to help

A Motion was made by Bruce Durand to have Denise(Hurley) Zarkas and Joe Lupa to be in charge of the community outreach program especially designed to get youths involved in the committee and upcoming event. Motion was 2nd by Anthony Curto

*****MOTION PASSED*****

• **Mr. & Mrs. Ludlow Pageant/Talent Show- Joe Lupa**

Joe Lupa would like to partner with the Exit 7 players to put on a talent show/pageant. This would have to be done by November of 2023. Pageant would have a Q & A/ Community Involvement and talent portion. Would reach out to Miss. Bicentennial Irene Salio Pereira.

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• **Hubbard Memorial Library**

February display case at the library will feature the 250th Semi Quincentennial Celebration. Bicentennial cookbook digitized to be put online. Library will also start doing open house.

• **250th Semi- Quincentennial Meetings**

Moving forward the committee will start holding Bi-weekly meetings. 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. February meetings will be 6th and 20th. These meeting locations will now be held at Ludlow High School room B-103

• **Calendar of events**

Bruce Durand has stated that we need to get working on a calendar of events for the year of 2024. Also need to plan winter events for snow and possible mild weather as we have had this year

Adjourn- Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:46 pm by Bruce Durand 2nd by Bob Mishol

*****MOTION PASSED*****

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto secretary of Ludlow's 250th Semi Quincentennial Celebration Committee