

250th Semi-Quincentennial Parade Committee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023 @6pm
Ludlow Town Hall

Attendees: Bruce Durand, Regina Stanek, MaryBeth Silva, John Diotalevi, Linda Belisle, Bob Wishes, Mark Caplette, Lucy Palmeria, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Anthony Curto

Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call at 6pm

Approval of January 3, 2023 meeting minutes- Motion made by John Diotalevi, 2nd by Linda Belisle*****MOTION PASSED*****

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Committee Reports

- 501c3 John tried to open an account at People's bank with Valerie, he was told this couldn't be done at this time because the 5013c has not been certified. The 501c3 paperwork was filed but has not been received by the Friends of the 250th. John was thinking he would go talk to Citizen's Bank or Polish National Credit Union to see if they could open an account. CPA said paperwork has been sent in.

Old Business

- Invitations- To be sent out by Lucy & Isabel by the end of February. The committee is asking for the invitations to be returned by May 31, 2023. Will do email for invites unless we can't reach a group then a printed invite will be sent. On the Parade email account there are folders set up for all invites to be put in folder and organized. Invites contain whether groups will have a float in the parade, if so float rules and regulations will be sent out.

Email for Parade Committee----Ludlow250parade @gmail.com

New Business

- Web Page-Bruce would like to have a web page developed for the parade committee. Connect to Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial page with a link. Kathy suggested possibly asking Joe Lupa or Clarke Kennedy to see if they would be interested in working on this.
- Picnic Mtg- Kathy, meeting was held at Ludlow High School on January 30, 2023, at 6pm in room 103. There was about 20 new people who attended and 10 who couldn't show up but want to participate. Lots of things were discussed, will need people for entertainment, equipment, safety, fireworks, port- a- pottys, parking etc. A woman called about organizing a penny carnival, could be a way to work in non-profit groups. Looking to have Ludlow restaurants handle the food, so there will be no chance of running out of food. Could reach out to Hampden County Jail for shuttle bus service, Pete Ostrowski.
PICNIC next mtg will be held on February 13, 2023, at Ludlow High School @ 6pm rm 103
- Businesses to march in parade. Kathy, John and Anthony will meet at Polish Club on Thursday February 9, 2023, at 3pm to go over business list for Ludlow. This will be used to send out invitations to these businesses.
- Music Invites- Bruce will send out invites to all musical bands by end of February. He is asking for these to be returned between June 2023 – December 2023. Bruce would like to see some of the bands sponsored by businesses to defer the cost. 1 contract is already signed Great American Band \$2500. Best thing going for our parade that it is on a Saturday, and it is a short distance.

- Marshals- John-Mark- Linda. Bruce asked the Marshalls to start organizing the volunteer, Marshalls. And then plan a training for them, along with a time line. 2 Marshalls for every unit.
- Floats- Anthony. Bruce suggested looking for an assistant in case Maureen Beauregard cannot help.
- Committee Shirts- John, John will bring samples of Vest & shirts to next meeting, March 7, 2023. Color are either safety green or Safety yellow. When there are events for the parade the committee members will need to wear their shirts.
- Polish National Credit Union John- The credit Union will be sponsoring a Celebrity Bartender event at Polish Club in Ludlow on May 9, 2023 5pm-8pm. Event will have hor d'oeuvres, 50/50 raffle this event is to help raise money for The Friends of the 250th. Possible reach out to Channel 22 to see if they will cover this event.
- Reenactment- Bruce, will reach out to a group that does reenactment of Revolutionary War to Vietnam possible encampment.

Adjourn – Motion made by John 2nd by Linda**** MOTION PASSED*****

***** NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 7, 2023, at LUDLOW TOWN HALL 6pm*****

Meeting Minutes submitted respectfully by Anthony Curto, Secretary of 250th Ludlow Parade Committee

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