

Ludlow 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee

July 17, 2023

Ludlow First Church @ 5:30pm

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Attendees: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Denise (Hurley) Zrakas, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Regina Stanek, Dave Sady, Bruce Durand, Anthony Curto (Late), Derek DeBarge (Late)

Special Guest: Brian Bylecki (Coffee Table History Book)

The meeting started at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023.... MOTION PASSED

History Book- Brian Bylecki

History book contract: 160 pages- 1000 copies total cost \$32,445.00 Books will sell for \$35.00.

Trying to get funds to supplement cost- Advertisement. Full page/ \$1500 or ½ page for \$ 1000 Page will include picture & company history.

Books can be stored at Terry Marinello's storage unit for free. Joe Carvalho will help with pictures. Brian Bylecki is willing to go to LCTV to talk about the history book. If they have advertisements will have to have more pages. The committee would like to get a Square account so they can accept credit card payment. Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette & Linda (Chapman) Collette will talk to Mark Strange about this.

Delivery of the book would be September 30, 2024. Events for the history book will be cut off on July 1, 2024, with the Parade being the last event. Possibly advertise for a photographer to take pics of events or ask Chris Smith. Could also have 2 photographers.

Bruce Durand & Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette are having trouble with getting articles in the town papers. They would like to find a contact at The Republican (Springfield). West Springfield's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration is the same year as Ludlow's, and they are getting in the Republican.

Linda (Chapman) Collette reached out to Mass Appeal but didn't get a response. Dave Sady reached out and heard back in a couple of days.

Brian Bylecki suggested setting up a spot like the antique road show, so townspeople can bring in their memorabilia. Possibly Library or Senior Center.

Brian Bylecki stated that it is easier to get photos from the republican than the Register. The register only has 3 years of digital photos. The Hubbard Memorial Library has Microfilm from 1975 forward but has no machine to view them. Will have to reach out to different places to try to find a machine to view them. Possibly the UMass library or Palmer Library.

Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette made a motion to move forward with the History book. Quantity of 1000 books at 160 pages. 1<sup>st</sup> payment would be due March 1, 2024, in the amount of \$16,222.50 and the final payment in August of 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise (Hurley) Zrakas. The total cost of the book will be \$32,445.00.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

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Bruce Durand made a motion to investigate writing a Grant to Western Mass all Foundation to fund events for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony Curto. Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman & Denise (Hurly) Zrakas will investigate organization's offering grants the committee could apply for.

Chair Updates-

Lupa's Zoo- Food sold at snack bar \$550.00 & Gift shop total was \$700.00. The Lupa family stated they would be donating 20% of these monies to the committee. The total amount from Vanishing Valley Brewery and the admissions was not available at the time of this meeting.

The Bake sale at Outside the Box on Sewall St raised \$132.00 and \$30.07 in donations for fireworks.

Denise (Hurley) Zrakas made a motion to keep \$132 form the bake sale in Petty cash to be used as start money for all events. Bruce Durand 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. \*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Elks Car Show – Volunteers need to arrive at 4:30pm at Elks Club. The raffle will be a 1<sup>st</sup> draw gets 1<sup>st</sup> pick and so on. Dave Sady has a 4-pack of WooSoxs tickets and would like to do a separate raffle for these.

River Hollow Min I golf- August 5. All committee members are asked to help greet guests and sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

Sports Night- Antony Curto stated that rather than have a sports night he would like to change the event to a dinner and a show, with a silent sports auction in the lobby. He is reaching out to a Bon Jovi tribute band to see if they will do the show. Still investigating a venue and food for this event.

Harley Cycle Raffle- Derek DeBarge is looking at 3 bikes- Street Glide, Road King, or a Low Rider. Suggested price for tickets is \$100 a piece with a limit of 5000 tickets being sold.

Golf Tournament September 9, 2023- need 100 4somes for the tournament. Great Raffle prizes. Swag bags- sleeve of golf balls, Tee's, divot tool/bottle opener. The 2024 Golf tournament should be held in the spring there are too many golf tournaments going on in the fall.

Birthday Cake- The cake from the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club is rotting. Dave Sady suggested he could make a cake if he has a design to work from. Linda (Chapman) Collette said she would get him 1.

Bruce Durand made a motion for Dave Sady to research making a cake and light cost. @ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony Curto \*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Picnic-Gray transportation will be supplying shuttle bus transportation for the picnic.

501C3- Mike Tarpley has suggested a cash calendar for the month of October 2023, he will pay for printing. This event will be run by Friends of the 250<sup>th</sup>. Cash prizes will be awarded every day for the month of October and the winners' names go back into the bucket. The price of the calendar is \$20.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023, at Hubbard memorial Library at 5:30pm

The minutes for the 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee has been respectfully submitted  
by Anthony T. Curto

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