

Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee

May 6, 2024, at Ludlow Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order at 5:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance- Elaine Hodgman, Bruce Durand, Linda Collette, Derek DeBarge, Christina Yacono, Kathy Ouimette, Denise Zrakas, Dave Sady, Anthony Curto

Guests- Brian Bylecki & Cindy St. George

Bruce Durand made a motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2024 & April 17, 2024. Kathy Ouimette 2nd the motion. *****MOTION PASSED*****

Treasurers Report- Denise Zrakas, as of 4/19/2024

- Donations \$102,949.77
- Fund Raising \$32,343.77
- Expenses \$48,782.96
- Current Balance \$86,510.58
- Linda Collette has checks to turn in.

Golf Tournament

- Currently, we have 19 foursomes with a possibility of 2 more. (would like to get to 25)
- Our hole in 1 sponsor is Mercedes Benz.
- Still need raffle prizes for the tournament.

History Book – Brian Bylicki

- 70 books have currently been ordered.
- Will be using photos from Dave Sady who has taken so many great shots.
- Received a thumb dive from LCTV (Mike Hill)
- Photos from the Hubbard Library's Glass plate negative
- Photos from Springfield Republican
- Lisa Pereira photos of the 1st Double D ice cream shop
- Lori Ostrowski photos of the 2nd Double D ice cream shop
- Sections left to write our Celebrations- Exit 7 Players- Schools
- Donna Roy signed up as proofreader.
- Advertisement for the book need to be in by June 1, 2024
- 132 pages to work with
- Distribution Stations will be set up to pick up books around town.

- Joe Banas needs to be in the history book as he designed the logo for the 250th committee.
- The History book committee was asked to march in the 250th parade.

Bike Parade- Bruce

- Is set for May 25, 2024, at the walking path at the mills.
- Currently we have 10 children registered.

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Tag Sale- Bruce

- \$1100.00 was raised on selling spaces.
- \$397.00 was raised from Hot Dogs.
- \$379.00 raised from baked goods.
- \$155.00 raised from 250th merchandise.
- \$50.00 donation from John Boyle O'Reily.

Memorial Day Parade- Bruce

- There will be 4 divisions.
- No throwing candies.
- Cars need to slow down so the parade looks uniform.
- Would like to change route for Memorial Day Parade in 2025.

Town Clean up- Linda.

- Thank you, Derek, Denise, Kathy, Dave, Christina, and Regina, for showing up.
- Good Turn out.
- Some of the participants were Boy Scouts, Michael J. Dias Foundation, Lions Club, DPW and Ryan Linton.

Picnic- Kathy

- Linda & Kathy walked East St. to deliver letters about closing of the streets for June 15, 2024
- Will inform business on the West side of the bike that employees will not be able to get to the access road until after the parade.
- The Boys & Girls club will close for the day.
- Fish and Game has a graduation Party that has been moved to a 3pm start time.
- Matt from King Gray will need to have a final meeting.
- Bruce will borrow tables from Eric at the Veteran's Center.
- Shuttles will start at 2pm.
- The parade should end around 1pm.
- Linda spoke with Scott from MEMA about 6 light towers and 2 generators.
- Will be getting a tent from Michael's Party Rental that will hold 200 people.
- Picnic tables from DPW.
- Parker Port potty will have 15 port a potty and 3 for handicapped people.
- Manual Amusements will be running on Friday night, the day before the picnic.
- Set up for the picnic will be Friday Night June 14, 2024.

- 51 Crafters- 22 food trucks- 25 civic-business- churches & non-profits will have tables at the picnic.
- Kathy & Christina will handle the media.
- Bruce & Linda will be going to the Channel 22 Mass Appeal show.
- Dave Sady suggested that we should have 2 electricians at the parade in case there is a power issue.

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Bruce made a motion to have 2 electricians at the picnic. Kathy 2nd it for discussion. After discussion the motion was tabled for a later time. All committee members to see if they know of any electricians that would be willing to work the picnic either on a volunteer basis or a reduced rate.

250 Stickers- Dave

- Dave brought up if we only purchased 200 stickers, they would be 50 cents apiece. He would rather get 500 stickers at the original price of \$175.00. The committee agreed.

250th Parade- Bruce

- Over 1200 participants are in the parade.
- Will have 3 bathrooms open at Ludlow High School for Marchers.
- Town hall will be open to use bathrooms.
- Want to stage everything at the Ludlow High School and the old Veteran's Park school area along with Town hall.
- Baird Middle school will only be used as a backup plan.
- Marshall Training is set for May 17.
- June 13 there will be a meeting for all parade volunteers.
- Grand Marshal will be voted on by Parade committee on May 7. The individual selected will be informed that week.
- Dave Sady is meeting with Mike Hill of LCTV and Bill Koss this coming Thursday to discuss the filming of the parade. Dave will be filming from his drone. Possible with a live feed connected to LCTV.

Adjourn- Anthony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Bruce 2nd the motion.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Anthony T. Curto, Secretary of the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee