

300th Anniversary Committee
Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 27th 2024
Blackburn Hall - 6:00pm

Members Present

Present

- William Buckley
- Cliff Barnes
- Valerie Bishop
- Tim Hoegler
- Stephen Smith
- Lisa Van der Linden
- Janice Young
- Mike Powers
- Judy Conroy

- Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Approval Of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mrs. Conroy seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Minutes of January 9th 2023 Approved 7-0-0.

Old Business

-Vote on close out costs of the Laser Show - Mr. Buckley presented a document which detailed the additional costs from Public Safety and DPW for putting on the Laser Show. He noted that even with those additional costs the project was under the \$70,000 originally budgeted.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mrs. Conroy to approve the invoice from the Town of Walpole for additional costs of the laser show, in the amount of \$2,678.69 Approved 9-0-0.

Ms. Conroy asked that a further breakdown of costs be requested from the Town.

-Public Relations Update

-Lawn Signs

Mr. Buckley gave an overview of a Lawn Sign project, which would produce a number of lawn signs for supporters to place on their lawns. Mr. Buckley presented a number of quotes which were gathered. Mr. Smith suggested purchasing 250 lawn signs. Mr. Hoegler and Mrs. Conroy agreed. There was a discussion on how much to sell the lawn sign for, and \$20 was suggested. The Recreation Department and Senior Center would sell the signs. Connolly Printing had the

lowest quote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mrs. Conroy to purchase 250 signs from Connolly Printing for sale at the Recreation Department and Senior Center. Approved 9-0-0

-Statue update

Ms. Bishop gave an update on this project she has been working on. The hope is to purchase five statues - one for each corner of town, and one for the center, with a possibility of moving them every few months. Ms. Bishop will get pricing on statues discussed by the Committee (the duck and the smaller cow and the pig) and report back for final vote on the choice at the next meeting.

-Merchandising Update

-Calendar update

Mr. Buckley gave an update that \$150 calendars had been sold. Demand continues and a further 50 would be purchased making a full 200, which was initially authorized.

-Accessories

Mr. Barnes gave an overview and update on items to be sold. There will be an effort to include merchandise for sale in community bulletin and social media platforms. There was a discussion about where to sell merchandise and how to publicize the products.. Selling items at the Friends of Saint Patrick Luncheon was discussed but deemed impractical.

A motion was made by Mrs. Conroy and seconded by Mrs. Young to submit a basket raffle prize for the FOSP breakfast. Approved 9-0-0

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to order 50 double-sided flag to be purchased at \$35 per flag. Mr. Hoegler Seconded. Approved 9-0-0.

-Historical Observances

-Trolly Tours

Mr. Buckley gave an update on Historical Trolly Tours at Walpole Day. The cost of 3 hours of driving tours is \$1,812.50 for one trolley. The Recreation Department will be the point of sale. Discussion was had about the need to sell tickets beforehand for a nominal fee to ensure participant buy in. It was suggested to start with buying two tours worth, and then see how tickets sell.

A motion was made by Mrs. Conroy seconded by Mr. Powers to approve 2 Trolleys for Walpole Day, with the possibility of more should demand require it Approved. 9-0-0

The potential to do the tours later for free with COA at some point during the year with their

van(s) as well as a Walpole Public School Field Trip was discussed.

Mr. Powers discussed that during the 250th kids wrote letters on where they will be in 25 years. His daughter did it back then and its a nice update to suggest to the Walpole Public Schools.

-Community Photo Project Update

Mr. Buckley reported on a productive meeting with UMass Boston for their Mass Memories Roadshow project. They do ask for a \$1,000 contribution to UMass Lowell which was previously not disclosed

A motion was made by Mrs. Conroy seconded by Mr. Smith to to proceed and expend \$1,000 to contribute to UMass Lowell Approved 9-0-0

Lauren Antonetti and Ms. Bishop will help Mr. Buckley set up an Instagram to house the photos from our local community project.

-Future Event Updates

-Senior Gala

Mrs. Conroy gave an update: tickets will go on sale Monday through the Senior Center. Tables of 10, Tickets are \$50 per person. The Vendor checks each table for food allergies. The centerpieces are being made at the Senior Center and delivered by COA staff and Mrs. Conroy. The 10-piece band including a vocalist; will need to include in plates because there is no vendor meal at the venue; \$800 or so for food. \$2300 total (\$1500 for performance). The Capacity is 300-325; Mrs. Conroy predicted participation of 200-250 people. The vans are lined up by COA which will find out who needs transportation. The Lions Club was approached and Mrs. Conroy is waiting to hear what they want to contribute and how they're going to help out. Maybe a financial donation. She had also approached JWCW too. Mrs. Conroy noted that there was not much help needed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Conroy seconded by Mr. Smith to to pay \$2,300 for band and vocalist (250 minutes of music) and accompanying meal

Approved 9-0-0.

There was discussion and consensus about the need to prioritize current Walpole residents in this event and that they should get absolute preference in ticket sales.

-Time Capsule

Mr. Buckley gave an update. The hunt continues for the time capsule placed by Mr. Powers and school children at New Stone School 50 years ago.

There was discussion about the size of the new time capsule to purchase. 16"x16"x30" is largest capsule size costing. \$1,899.97

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mrs. Conroy to the largest sized capsule.

Approved 9-0-0

A few weeks after the start of school in the new Middle School was suggested as the best time to do the exercise. Mr. Buckley will follow up with the Walpole Public Schools about providing refreshments.

Mr. Buckley said that there will probably be a last walk through of each middle school prior to consolidation. He suggested the committee work with the Walpole Public schools to make the Walk through on of our historical events. Maybe work with WPS to see if it's something that the 300th would be involved in

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mr. Smith to seek partnership in any last walk through events at the middle schools. Approved 9-0-0

Zip Trip- The prospective date for a Zip Trip to Walpole by Fox 25 News will be in mid August. Details are not yet finalized.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Committee was set to be March 12th. Principally to vote on Ms. Bishops statue project proposals.

Topics the Chair Could Not Reasonably Anticipate

Mr. Buckley gave AN update on parade performers and bands with a few groups having reached out for booking in the last few days. The Lexington Minutemen (\$2,000 cost), McGann Marching Band (\$2,200 cost), Boston WindJammers (\$2,200 cost), Firehouse Dixieland Band(\$2,200 cost) and Colonial Pipers Bagpipe Band (\$1,000 cost). Have all expressed a desire to perform.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mr. Barnes to expend \$9,600 for five listed bands. Approved. 9-0-0

There was no further business to transact:

Adjourn

- A Motion made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mrs. Conroy , to adjourn at 7:42pm.
Motion passed 9-0-0.