

350th Anniversary Steering Committee

Oct. 5, 2023 – Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Stacy Bond, Lindsay McCarthy, Mary King, Pat Shearer, Martha Morse, Rhoda Yucavitch, Bruce Kahn, Steve Stoia. Guests: Norm Eggert.

Called to order by Bond at 6:34 pm.

Citizen input: none.

9-7-23 minutes: Bruce moved and Rhoda seconded that the minutes from 9-7-23 be approved. Unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Lindsay reported that invoices are coming in fast and furious so totals are changing but we are in good shape. In answer to a question, she said that the fireworks cost \$10,000.

Merchandise: Lindsay reported that merchandise sold briskly at a 50% discount on Parade/Fireworks Day. The items remaining in stock are crocks, bowls, bags and posters.

Parade/Fireworks/Harvest Dinner: Stacy reported that everything went amazingly well! It was better than expected and a lot of work. The small hiccups that did occur were quickly handled. Town department staff members who pitched in are greatly appreciated, as are all the volunteers. Northeast Paving and the 15 volunteers they provided were a great asset; Marge Anderson, the President of the Deerfield Valley Art Association which is commonly known as DVAA and Fiddleheads here in Northfield, was a lifesaver for enticing a food truck into town for the parade and later for the fireworks. The parade filled the streets, fireworks drew 800 people it is guesstimated, and the dinner dance organized a week earlier by Bonnie L'Etoile and Corinne Fitzgerald offered beautiful food, dancing, and left people asking that the dinner dance be an annual event. Reconnecting Northfield for sure.

Committee/Volunteer dinner: Lindsay has received approval for a catered dinner for the people who have worked so hard to plan and carry out the 350th year commemoration events. We need to keep it reasonably priced, perhaps hold it at TCC. Please let Lindsay know who you believe should be there. Email Lindsay your invitation list before the next committee meeting if possible. The event date is Friday January 26.

Final months of 2023: Martha has updated the event list so please refer to her email of 10/13 for the entire schedule. Discussion took place regarding:

- The Piti Theatre project which is on track for a Nov/Dec performance with 3rd and 6th graders at NES.
- November 12, 6:30 at Community Bible will be "People vs. the Pipeline", which Steve is working on.
- Steve is lining up a marionette troupe (\$825) and program by Magic Wings (\$400) at town hall on 12/16, Butterflies at 1:00 and Marionettes at 2:00.
- On Nov. 4 as part of the TCC holiday fair First Light will sponsor horse-drawn wagon rides

- For a gingerbread event for children, Pat would love help constructing the houses at 2:00 at TCC on 12/2. (This is 2 hours before Da Camera Singers' seasonal concert at TCC). The Make Your Own Gingerbread House event for children is Sunday 12/3 at 2:00.
- Bruce continues to line up great music events.

Chair's report: The time capsule should be received in November. There are no entries in the photo contest. Decisions about the use of our many photos in some kind of e- or print publication can be rolled into January, as there will still be an ability to spend money. A small subgroup can meet since the official 350th committee is disbanded as of January 1, 2024. No decisions have been made on the contents of the time capsule and Steve suggested offering the public some say in it. This could also roll into 2024 if we don't make decisions before that. If there are objects that were purchased or created for the 350th, Misha Storm who is town library director and a member of the historical society board should be consulted as to where these 350th objects belong. Bruce offered to work with the Town Administrator and the select board to arrange for the sale of the large sound system bought for the 350th year events, if that is their decision. The sound system was used for many 350th music events as well as during the parade, but is likely more of a system than the town needs routinely. Two tents and a marquis sign bought for the 350th will be useful to town departments. Mary offered to investigate the best way to have them assigned to the most likely department or commission, and will report back in November.

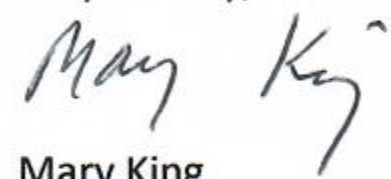
Pat expressed for herself and Tom how very touched, surprised and pleased they were to be Grand Marshals of the parade. Consensus is that it's one of the best decisions of the 350th year!

Pat also reported on her continuing effort to get a history booklet into the hands of schoolchildren. Bruce offered to help if his tech skills could be of use.

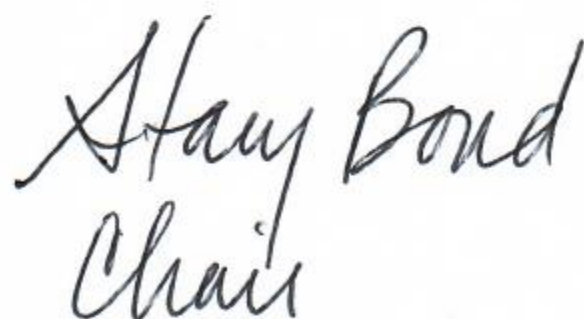
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 on a motion by Bruce, seconded by Pat, unanimous.

Next meeting: Thurs., Nov. 2, 6:30 Town Hall. GROUP PHOTO!

Respectfully,



Mary King



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