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375th Anniversary Celebration Committee October 25, 2017

Call to Order

A meeting of the 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee was held at the COA, 55 Bay State Road, on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 and commenced at 7:06 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Chairman – Mike Costello, Clerk-Kathleen J. Conti, Debbie Breckenridge, Kim Fagundes, Douglas Kelley, Cynthia Lee, Sandra Moesing, Joseph Nunes, Sandra Phillips, Laura Schwall and Connie Wenzel-Jordan

Guests Present: Rehoboth Selectman-Gerry Schwall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Connie Wenzel-Jordan made the motion to accept minutes of August 23, 2017

Motion 2nd: Kim Fagundes

375th Account Funds: Mike Costello reported that the 375th Committee has \$6,463.00 in account.

SPAGETTI SUPPER

Congratulations to Mike Costello and Kim Fagundes for a good night. Jake Kramer has figures for how much was made but it was just over \$1,000.00 Thank you to Connie Wenzel-Jordan for bringing shirts to the Spaghetti Supper for sale. Kim Fagundes suggested a different for shirts and Connie suggested multiple designs.

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mike Costello confirmed we have an article in the November 6, 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant ((Article 2, requesting \$50,000 to provide “seed” money to fund

initial 375th Anniversary Town sponsored events and all costs related thereto). Mike requested that Doug Kelley attend this Town Meeting and to speak.

PARADE

Doug Kelley stated "unofficially" that he is positive we'll probably see a lot of local bands. They do need funds though with the exception of DR and maybe East Providence. He is concerned about Military Groups because the date of our parade will probably have other Columbus Day Parades. We need to concentrate on fund raising for bands. Sandra Moesing suggested Carissa Evans should be contact by Doug. Mike Costello will reach out to Kevin McBride and Doug Kelley will still be working on his end.

Debbie Breckenridge asked why the October date was chosen and Mike Costello explained to her that October is the actual month of birth day.

Doug Kelley brought up Fife and Drum Corps. Joe mentioned Shriners might participate and Jean Grota will see if Boston might want to work with us.

We have to decide by next meeting if date of parade should be changed.

CIRCUS

Laura Schwall spoke to Dick Georgia and he thinks we might not be able to have a circus. Mike Costello suggested a carnival. Mike suggested that Rockwell and Fiesta come to one of our meetings to make a presentation.

Joseph Nunes and Kim Fagundes suggested Pie Eating Contest, period events, three legged race, etc. After discussion it was decided that these would be good events for the Clambake.

TASTE OF REHOBOTH

Mike Costello suggested locations of So. Seekonk Gun Club and Holy Ghost. Banks and Stop and Shop should be involved. Restaurants could provide sample foods, etc.

REHOBOTH'S GOT TALENT

Mike Costello says we have to get going on that at High School. Discussion ensued regarding Concerts at Redway Plain. Connie Wenzel-Jordan suggested free items at Park Commission concerts.

BALL

Thanks to Kathy Edington for letting Mom Prom go this year for us. It was suggested that the Food Pantry team up for raffles and 50/50.

Music was discussed. David House does 1500 to 1800's music which would be good for during dinner. Rhythm 44 was also discussed because they do 50's, 60's and 70's music.

The Ball Sub Committee suggests sponsors for tables. Connie-Wenzel Jordan volunteered to be a sponsor. Tickets available at Town Hall and Sandra Moesling suggested to selling tickets at Senior Center. We don't want too many locations to sell tickets because we have to keep a handle on reservations, meal orders, etc.

HOUSE TOURS

Sandra Moesling had a meeting last week with homeowners and said that about 10 families showed interest. Three homeowners have made firm commitment so far. Sandra suggested opening it up to Dighton, Seekonk, etc.

Anthony Oregghio (is my spelling correct?) will design brochures and the tickets will be the brochure. Price suggestions are \$20 to \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 5 to 12 and children under 5 free. Tickets can be sold at the Library and Antiquarian Society. The Historical Commission wants to put house tour together. Rebecca Smith is a good contact. Sponsorship (ads in Brochure) small local businesses. \$25 for Business Card size, \$50 for ¼ page ad, \$75 for ½ page ad and \$100 for full page.

Sandra asked how funding works and Mike Costello explained procedures to her.

Volunteers: Peer leaders at High School (Doug Kelley contact) plus Leo Lions Members. Community Service is another option and Seniors might also want to volunteer.

Linda McMullen – Dinner at Carpenter Museum. Realtors could be contacted for historic homes for sale.

Sandra should contact Helen Dennen for insurance purposes.

Cynthia Lee questioned timing. Are individuals going in their own cars or will a bus or trolley be used. Pros and cons of both suggestions should be considered.

Motion: Laura Schwall made the motion for House Tours Date to be May 19, 2018

Motion 2nd: Sandra Phillips

Quick Discussion: Laura Schwall informed Committee that Anawan Pharmacy has Anniversary Blanket on display with a price of \$89.95. Laura says the blanket is beautiful.

Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting.

Motion: Laura Schwall made the motion to Adjourn at 8:36

Motion 2nd: Sandra Phillips

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathleen J. Conti - Clerk

Meeting Minutes Approved: Date: 11-8-17 Time: 7:03 PM

Signature of 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman
after minutes have been approved:


Michael R. Costello - Chairman

**OUT NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017
COA, 55 BAY STATE ROAD**