

East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee November 16, 2017 East Windsor Historical Society

The November 16, 2017 planning meeting for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of East Windsor met at the Osborn House of the East Windsor Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Present: *Paul Anderson, John Burnham, *Peg Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Ian Neill, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent:*Jason Bowsza, *Scott Morgan, *Tom Talamini

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the October 19, 2017 meeting were not available for the November 2, 2017 meeting. Both the October 19, 2017 and November 2, 2017 minutes were reviewed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the October 19, 2017 minutes; Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

<u>Limerick Contest</u>: Melissa Maltese of Parks and Recreation has asked us to judge the Limerick Contest in February. Every student who submits a limerick will receive an EW250 pencil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Time Capsule Committee</u>: Tim Moore's father-in-law will galvanize the time capsule for us. We will steel stamp the top of the time capsule with the EW250 information. People will have the chance to sign the time capsule. Rebecca will make a box to bring to events to collect time capsule submissions. We need to get a stone marking the day the capsule was buried and the date it should be opened – the anniversary of the date the town was incorporated, May 12, 1768. (May 12, 2068)

We will seal the time capsule on Heritage Day and bury it the next afternoon. The burial ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2:30 pm. We will ask the churches to ring their bells at 2:50 pm to mark the lowering of the capsule in the ground. Time Capsule Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Kirk Montstream, Chuck Riggott, and *Bill Thim.

Planning Committee:

<u>Masquerade Ball</u>: Tickets are on sale now. The masks and champagne glasses are in. Rebecca Talamini will order noise makers for the party. They are part of the budget from Geissler's Masquerade Ball keepsake sponsorship.

School Participation: Lynn Tracy-Thim has talked with Christine DeBarge; they are on

track with their events.

<u>Garden Tour</u>: Nancy Masters had to step down from organizing the garden tour. She had asked the Garden Club if they would take it over, but the members are getting older or don't have the time. The EW250 will take over the planning, and ask the garden club for help for certain tasks, such as volunteers to help at each property.

We still need more volunteers. This is a very involved committee. If anyone wants to help organize one or more events, please email the 250th committee at EW250@eastwindsorct.com.

Planning Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Ian Neill, Debbie Talamini, and *Lynn Tracy-Thim, Bill Thim. {Point Person: Lynn Tracy-Thim}

Fundraising Committee:

<u>Sponsor Flyers</u>: The sponsor flyers are on the EW250 and East Windsor Facebook pages. Rebecca Talamini brought an estimated cost sheet to Larry Tribble yesterday. Rebecca has approached Work and Play Daycare about a \$200 food sponsorship for the Children's Winterfest; she is waiting to hear back form them. We will ask Windsor Federal Savings Bank if they are willing to sponsor the Baseball Game.

<u>Lions/Rotary</u>: The Lions Club and Rotary Club may join forces to raise money for the Winterfest; they will get back to us after they meet. The Girl Scouts are taking care of the indoor events at the Winterfest; it might be better if the Lions/Rotary Clubs raise money for the Revolutionary War Reenactment Event.

Fundraising Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Andy Hoffman, and Kirk Montstream. Point people: John Burnham and Andy Hoffman

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

<u>Merchandise Supplies</u>: The black and grey baseball caps have arrived. The knit hats are due in after Thanksgiving.

<u>Calendars</u>: Rebecca Talamini is getting the Calendar photos and information into the correct format to give to Merritt Graphics. She hopes to have this involved step before Thanksgiving so we can have the calendars by our December 7, 2017 meeting.

<u>Volunteer Shirts</u>: We decided that we should order red polo shirts for the volunteers at our EW250 events. They will have the EW250 logo embroidered on them. Rebecca collected sizes from the people present, and will get a list of sizes to Ceil Donahue.

Promotion & Merchandise Committee: Ceil Donahue, Dan Donahue, Scott Grizey, *Peg Hoffman, and *Rebecca Talamini

Parade and Picnic Committee:

Heritage Day: Heritage Day is official. On November 14, 2017 the Community Day Committee decided to disband. They are going to provide us with their vendor contact information. Heritage Day is officially a 100% EW250 planned event.

Committee: *Diane Lajoie, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim {Point Person: Bill Thim}

Social Media Committee:

The EW250 Facebook page has been active; keep sharing with your friends.

https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/.

Social Media Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Bob Maynard, and *Rebecca Talamini

Press & Advertising Committee:

no updates today

OTHER BUSINESS:

• <u>Committee Names</u>: As time progresses, we have discovered overlap in a few of the committees we officially created. The following committee reorganization was enacted:

- ➤ Paul Anderson made a motion to combine the Print Advertising/press and Web and Social Media committees to form the Advertising/Social Media Committee. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- ➤ Paul Anderson made a motion to change the name of the Parade/Picnic Committee to Heritage Day Committee. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- ➤ Paul Anderson made a motion to change the name of the Planning Committee to the Events Committee. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Parade Float: Diane Lajoie went over budget on the parade float for the Four Town Fair; candy wasn't part of the original budget.
 - > Paul Anderson made a motion to increase the parade float budget by \$42.48 to a total of \$262.48. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- <u>Scrapbooks</u>: Rebecca Talamini brought up creating a scrapbook to have people sign at each of our events. Rebecca is going to look into the prices.
- <u>Journal Inquirer</u>: Anthony Branciforte is doing a story for the JI on the Broad Brook Library. This is a speculation story; they newspaper will use it if they need filler during the holiday season. Rebecca Talamini is going to contact Anthony about an EW250 story as well.
- Help Needed: We are looking for people who can man a booth at the Wellness Committee Vendor Event on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 2:30 to 6:3i0. This would be a great opportunity to get people to sign up for our January 2018 blood drive. The cost to participate at the fair is \$10 plus a \$20 raffle item.

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Lajoie