

Ludlow, MA 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration

Meeting Minutes August 21, 2023

First Church 5:30 PM

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**Establish of Quorum/Roll Call**

Committee members in attendance: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Bruce Durand, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Denise (Hurley) Zrakas, Regina Stanek, Dave Sady, Derek DeBarge (Late, le early)

**Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:30pm**

**Approval of minutes from August 8, 2023 - Delayed, no minutes to review.**

**Unfinished Business**

**Harley Davidson Fundraiser Update - Derek DeBarge**

Derek will present a written document, at our next meeting, with the cost of the bikes that we have spoken about (2024 Street Glide, Road King & Low Glide), along with the cost of tax, title, registration, and insurance. He will also check to see if anyone he knows would be able to transport the bike to our events, on their trailer, if we were to purchase it soon. Derek will check with Tony Goncalves regarding insurance. Committee members will inquire with people who they know to see if a company would like to sponsor the payment of the Tax, Title & Registration. After receiving the document from Derek, the committee will vote on the next steps.

**Parade updates - Bruce Durand**

Parade participation letters went out to groups. The deadline for signing up to march was July 31, 2023. The committee only received responses from Springfield's Mayor Sarno and Chicopee's Mayor Vieu.

John Diotalevi will follow up with Mayor Sarno about the letter sent out regarding the Fire Hydrant Decorating Contest, which is now on hold.

**Chair updates - Linda Collette & Kathy Ouimette**

*River Hollow Golf* - 50/50 raffle brought in \$110. We raised \$750 from Tony Goncalves who was very generous to our committee with proceeds and raffle prizes that he donated. - Denise will send a thank you letter to Tony Goncalves.

*Villa Rose Dine Out* - We raised \$700+. Denise will send a thank you letter to Tony Tavares.

*FESTA* - August 31 - September 4 - Signup sheet was sent around for volunteers to work at our booth. Linda suggested we do a "Duck Pool," game of chance with prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3

for \$5.00. Prizes will be little trinkets, magnets, and mugs. Linda has purchased the items needed to operate the game. Bruce Durand will bring his pop-up tent for the booth. Denise will provide tent weights.

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We will be selling 250th merchandise. Grey T-Shirts, Grey Hoodies, assorted colored Baseball Caps, Knit Caps, Mugs and Friends October Calendars.

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*Golf Tournament*, Saturday, September 9, 2023 - Signup sheet was sent around for volunteers to work at the event. Dave Sady will be doing a drone video.

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We need foursomes and hole sponsors. All committee members are urged to put the word out and obtain both.

Denise to send Glenn Welch at Freedom Federal a W9 so they can send their donation in.

*Friends October Calendar Sales* - John Diotalevi would like to wrap up the sale of the calendars by September 1st. Please bring any unsold calendars and money collected to John at the Polish Club. We will try to sell the remaining calendars at FESTA.

*Picnic* - The mee ng for the picnic committee is set for August 28, 2023 @ Ludlow High School 6pm in the cafeteria and September 11, 2023 @ Ludlow High School Cafeteria 6pm. Kathy will not be at the September 11, 2023, mee ng as she will be having knee surgery on that day.

*Advertising* - We are booked to advertise in The Register Winterfest Flyer.

#### **New Business**

Kathy reported that Lisa and Mark Gaudete with the Brigham Lodge Masons will be checking with members to see if they would like to help out by cooking at the Santa Breakfast on December 3, 2023, from 8am to 11am.

#### **Next Mee ng: TBD**

**Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn mee ng at 7:55pm was made by Denise & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Denise Zrakas, Treasurer of the 250th Celebration Committee