

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Remote Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, Bob Grindle and Julie Lindquist. Also present was Senior Center Director Lisa Kegler. Unable to attend were Kayse Pellegrino and First Selectman Bill Rose.

3. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:

Senior Center Director Lisa Kegler asked what the Committee is planning and is interested in helping (some seniors have stories to tell). Leslie Ricklin shared planned activities and an invitation to seniors that was included in the Newsletter to join a panel to talk about growing up in Chaplin. A member of the Memoire Club has expressed interest.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021:

Motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2021, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS ON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:

a. Bob Grindle - Banner, Articles:

Bob Grindle reported that he is doing articles for the Senior Center Newsletter (from the Memoirs Booklet) and April Neighbors. He suggested the Quintanas would be a good contact for sponsors (Linda Quintana is moved by the idea of stories from Chaplin seniors).

b. Warren Church - First Town Meeting Play & Date: July 2, 2022, walks:

No update due to audio difficulties.

c. Julie Lindquist – Calendar:

Julie Lindquist reported that she has beautiful pictures of old Chaplin from Victor Boomer for the Calendar. A meeting will be held with Gulemo Printers in Willimantic. Committee members are asked to email definite dates for the calendar as soon as possible.

d. Anne Sicilian - School outreach:

Anne Sicilian shared that she has not heard back yet from the school Principals who are very busy. She suggested it might be easier contacting the teachers directly and will follow up.

e. Dick Weingart - Budget (this might also be a good time for the Committee to discuss Sponsors and how to find them):

Dick Weingart reported that an additional \$20,000 will be put in the 2022 budget to be used for Bicentennial purposes. As of July 2021, \$15,000 will be set aside. Regarding sponsors, they would give businesses the opportunity to promote their business and be publicity for the Calendar. Leslie Ricklin suggested the play program include sponsors. Julie Lindquist shared she has experience with sponsors and the Committee should decide whether the Calendar will be self-supporting or supported by raising funds. Leslie Ricklin suggested forming a Sub-Committee to work on a strategy for sponsors. Julie Lindquist, Warren Church, Dick Weingart and Anne Sicilian will work on this Committee (Warren will setup a meeting via Zoom). Anne Sicilian asked how much money was needed. \$20,000 out of the \$45,000 budget is needed for Fireworks. Ideas for souvenirs include: T-Shirts, Coffee Mugs and Baseball Hats. Dick Weingart asked if anyone in town could help with ideas (Leslie suggested Anne

Chuk). Anne Sicilian suggested checking for ideas with other towns that have held recent celebrations and will check on.

f. Leslie - library talks, copies of Chaplin's founding documents:

Leslie Ricklin presented copies of the Town getting formed on May 3, 1822 from the State Library (13-pages that are very detailed). She suggested getting the documents mounted and displayed in the Library (will check with the Lilly Pad). Julie Lindquist suggested checking to see if any historic grants are available. Warren Church suggested chronicling everything that is done (Anne Sicilian suggested a portfolio for the founding documents). Leslie Ricklin suggested a video for the events (Warren Church suggested asking Peter to be the official photographer).

Leslie Ricklin presented planned talks for 2022: Ben Chaplin's Will by Gavin Horning (January), History of the Church by Alex Hill (March), History of the Chaplin Library by the Columbia Town Historian (April), Ruth Snow Bowen Quilts by Kathy Smith (May), House Photos, Chaplin St houses, Fiber Art by Bruce Raymond and Kathy Smith (September), Walk of Chaplin Street by Jean Givens (October), Cemetery and River Walks by Rusty Lanzit.

g. Bill: Museum: No Report

h. Kayse – house tours date July 2, 2022, garden tours: No Report

Warren Church reported that the church is in dire need of painting (the Town Meeting Play will be held there) and suggested the church apply for a grant with the 1772 Foundation. He will also check with Joshua's Trust, Rachel McDonald (church contact) and Sally Zimmerman (experienced with grants) for available grants.

6. CONTINUE WORK ON THESE PROJECTS (ARE THERE OTHER PROJECTS NEEDED TO FOCUS ON?):

Work will continue on the above projects plus proposed project of painting the church and the Sponsors Sub-Committee. Leslie Ricklin suggested Bicentennial Frisbees as souvenirs.

7. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

9. DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held in-person at the Chaplin Library on April 13th at 4pm.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (4:45 PM) was made by Warren Church, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk***