

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Special Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022

Vice-Chair Warren Church called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Present were members Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, Ann Lewis, Bill Rose and Bob Grindle. Others present were First Selectman Juan Roman and Rec Commission Chair Dave Stone. Unable to attend were members Julie Lindquist and Leslie Ricklin.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2022:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 9, 2022, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.

4. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Updated Schedule (request for a 10-15 min. martial arts demonstration between Ukulele and Babcock Bands, Other?):

Discussed adding martial arts demonstration to the program. There are 5 students with an instructor for a 10-minute demonstration who can arrive at 1:15pm and can't stay past 2:30pm (bringing mats and can setup on the grass). Anne Sicilian suggested running same time as Yoga. Dave Stone suggested setup near the volleyball court (not a good location in front of the pavilion) or near the Yoga and Woodchopping (Dick will follow up and confirm time of 1:15pm).

- The Poet Laureate asked why she wasn't in the program (moved to the July event). Ann Lewis assumed she was left out by accident (not aware event moved to July) and called her for title of her poem (Warren will contact Adelaide to negotiate a time).

b. Program:

Discussion was held on the number of Programs to print (cost is \$1.00 each and will print 1,000).

- Dick Weingart tested a QR Code on the website (it worked) and asked if there is anyone in the Town Hall able to work with the Town website to help direct to the map and Bicentennial webpage (Juan offered Ken Fortier – Dick will follow up).
- Ann Lewis suggested using map from the back of the T-shirt to make it easier for people to find their way for the Drone Photo (Committee presented with a copy of the map - need to add Chewink) and suggested making it simpler by not having separate districts for the photo (original concept is for separate districts). Anne Sicilian suggested not needing a QR Code and telling people where to go based on the street they live on. Ann Lewis expressed concerns about the 357 Band playing at the same time as the Drone Photo (an announcement will be made for the band to take a break).

Motion to add Chewink to map presented and submit to the printer, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.

- Dave Stone reported that the Paul Leonard Band (headliner) is not able to attend due to surgery. Will discuss filling the slot at meeting this Thursday and asked the Committee to allow them to hire a band. Looking at 3-piece all original band (definitely committed), cars tribute Band (80s only), rock band and bluesy rock band. Ann Lewis suggested checking with the Night Shift Band.

Motion to allow the Rec Commission to hire a band not to exceed \$2,400 to fill the open slot, was made by Anne Sicilian, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about a QR Code for the Postcard to direct people to the Program.

Motion to add QR Code to the Postcard to direct people to the Program, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.

The Postcard needs to be in the mail by August 24th. A check needs to be issued to the Postmaster for mailing out the postcard (cost is 20 cents each for about 1,100 residents - Gulemo cannot be reimbursed for postage).

Motion to authorize an amount not to exceed \$250 for check made out to Postmaster to mail the postcards, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.

c. Vendors/Booths:

Doing good with over a dozen vendors and some booths. Food will include: Lyn's Catering (barbecue), Hungry Lions (vegetarian), Woodfellas Pizza (arrives at 4pm in the lower parking lot), Shaved Ice, Ice-Cream, Shaved Steaks and the concession stand (hotdogs and hamburgers) that will be run by the Rec Commission with help from the Senior Center.

- Juan Roman reported that Arboretum and Town signs will be in next week.

d. Parade updates/floats:

The parade is filling in with interest from some people at Cruise Night. Anne Sicilian asked how the library can get the \$100 for their float (cannot be reimbursed for sales tax and should bill the town directly - Dick will follow up with Val).

- Juan Roman reported that one flag has been ordered to see what it looks like.

d. Publicity (Postcard, social media, etc.):

The Program will be shared on Facebook once it has been printed. The Schedule will be sent out on Google Groups as soon as it is available.

- Warren Church asked if pictures taken by the photographer at the July event were submitted to the town (posted on his Facebook – need digital copies for records being kept by Leslie).

- Dick Weingart suggested changing the Bicentennial information for events that have passed on the town website highlighting September 10th and adding the Schedule of events for the day (can change back after September 10th). Bob Grindle suggested adding a link to the program.

- Juan Roman asked for a copy of the program to submit to WILI for a public service announcement.

- Warren Church suggested going on the Wayne Norman Show to talk about September 10th.

- Anne Sicilian asked where to park for the parade (will discuss at the next meeting).

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Items from the current agenda
- Parade Parking

The next meeting will be held on August 23rd at 4pm.

6. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (3:35 PM) was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Anne Sicilian.

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