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Seymour Remembers

Memorial Day Committee Meeting

February 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Members Present-Preet Singh, Fred Stanek, John Stelma, Alex Danka (left 7:10 pm)

Members Absent-Beverly Kennedy

Non Members Present-none

Motion was made by Fred Stanek and seconded by Preet Singh to have John Stelma to act as pro tem chairman for the meeting in Alex Danka's absence.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting by Preet Singh and seconded by Fred Stanek. Minutes were approved 3-0.

Preet updated the committee on the marching units who have confirmed that they will be marching in the 2018 Memorial Day Parade. Currently there are four-Waterbury Police Pipes Band, Connecticut Blues, CT Alumni Band, and the Ancient Mariners. Preet will be contacting the remaining groups that we have not heard from.

Preet has the labels that are needed for the solicitation mailings but is waiting for the letter which is to be composed by Beverly Kennedy. John will contact Beverly concerning the letter and envelopes so that we can mail the letters out in another week. Alex will talk to Priscilla in Town Hall on the names and labels from a list of businesses to solicit.

Preet gave the financial report which listed a balance in the checking account of \$4388.32 and the savings account has a balance of \$13086.21. John asked if we had received the amended check from the Seymour Pumpkin Festival which Preet responded that we had not. Preet to follow up on the check. Fred inquired as to additional sources of revenue that we normally obtain each year and the approximate amount that the parade costs. Preet stated the annual cost of the parade is about \$10,000 and that in addition to the money that we get from solicitations (about \$3000-\$4000) we get \$3500 from the town in the annual budget.

Three additional people will be joining the committee in the near future-Stephanie and John Valencia and Kristin Almond. Also attending our March meeting will be members of the Christmas Parade Committee.

Fred Stanek requested that we send out a letter to all units that will be marching in the parade requesting a short bio that will be used during the parade to give bystanders information on the units as they pass by.

A letter will also be sent out to all of the principals of the Seymour school concerning additional participation in the parade with Fred Stanek as the contact person. Thus far cheerleaders will be participating. We have not heard as yet from the Seymour Middle School Band.

The location of the post parade reception was discussed as to whether we should continue at the Community Center as was done last year or go back to a restaurant.

Other items concerning the parade were brought up include the Master of Ceremonies which will be Fred Stanek as in previous years. Followup will be needed with Mr. Casey concerning speakers. Ron Callanan is still scheduled to be the Grand Marshall. Also will need to followup on the person to do the invocation possibly with clergy from United Methodist Church who assisted last year or a friend of Al Yagovane who had done it previously.

It was requested to have Alex check to see that the signs for the cars participating in the parade are in good order.

Fred Stanek to check with the schools on the Essay and Photo contests. The suggestion was made by members at the meeting to possibly have the Essay Contest only this year. After a review of the two contests last year at the meeting by John Stelma one item that came up was the low public participation voting segment of the poster contest. Fred Stanek suggested having judges, composed of people from the schools, town, and committee, do the voting on the contests. Fred announced that the next Board of Education meeting is on the first Monday of March.

The motion to adjourn was made by Fred Stanek and seconded by Preet Singh at 7:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Flaherty room at 7 pm on Thursday March 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stelma