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Minutes

Seymour Parade Committee

Special Meeting

April 11th, 2019 7 pm

Members Present- Fred Stanek, Beverly Kennedy, Preet Singh, Lucy

McConologue, Robert Lang, Stephanie Danka

Members Absent- Alex Danka, John Stelma

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Approval of Minutes-Motion was made to change minutes from last meeting by Preet Singh to change the quantity of ice cream from 10,000 to 1,000. This was seconded by Lucy McConologue

Memorial Day treasurer, Preet Singh, gave a \$7000 estimate for bands and a \$10,000 estimate for the parade. He also suggested on the possibility of cutting the lunch out of the budget. Money may have to be taken from Savings account.

Vice chair-person, Lucy McConologue, stated the recruiter army will send a unit for parade.

Public Comment- Harvey Catlin, teacher at Seymour Middle School, attended meeting to discuss Essay contest. Contest will be offered to students from Grade 4-8. The finalist will include top two middle

schools students and top two elementary students. The 3<sup>rd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> place essays are considered Authors of distinction. The finalists receive plaques (cost - \$50) while the Authors of Distinction receive certificates. These students will march in parade. Average participation averages between 50 students who anonymously submit essays. The deadline for contest is May 6<sup>th</sup> and the finalists will be chosen at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a suggestion to add the year on the participation ribbon. Harvey Catlin would also like the SMS girls basketball team and the debate team to march in the parade. He will have a banner made up.

New Business- Parade needs to confirm a grand marshal. Alex Danka is waiting for list of names from the VFW. Motion made to have two guest speakers: one being a civilian involved with veterans, one being a veteran. Fred will speak with Harvey Catlin on being civilian guest speaker. Lucy McConologue will send parade route letter to shut down road to police. Fred Stanek made suggestion to send formal invitation to first selectman, board of selectman, legislators, senator, and state representatives.

Alex Danka confirmed via phone call that the donation letters were put in the mail and the food was ordered. Lucy McConologue opened discussion for creating bylaws and a mission statement in a later meeting after the Memorial Day Parade. Suggestion made to give a once a year report to give Board of Selectman. The next Board of Selectman meeting is on May 21<sup>st</sup> where committee members are recommended to attend.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Motion made to speak at a later meeting.

There is no update on solicitation due to delayed mail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Danka