

Hanson 200th Anniversary Committee

November 7, 2019

Members Present – Tricia Dransfield, Audrey Flanagan, Lee Gamache, Marcus Linn, Anne Merlin, Christy Spence, Alex Stewart

Guests Present – Matthew Dyer

I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:11 PM by Audrey Flanagan

Motion to accept the September 12 Minutes made by Marcus Linn, seconded by Anne Merlin.

Passed 7-0

II. Old Business

Kickoff Gala Dinner – February 22, 2020 (Rain date, February 29th)

Marcus Linn has made the deposit and has booked the Lakeside Villa in Halifax. Joe Campbell, depending upon verification by Meredith Marini that there is no conflict of interest, would DJ the event. Marcus Linn has spoken with Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett about adding a Monte Carlo room during this event. The Committee will think about this for the next meeting.

A Silent Auction was suggested as another option for added entertainment. Jon Goode from KBK Sports could come in and set up everything for the auction. There would be a 70/30 split in funds raised that evening. We will decide on this idea next meeting.

Anne Merlin proposed “In Days Gone By” as the Kickoff’s theme and will do centerpieces for the Gala. A cake will also be provided from Montilio’s Bakery.

Motion to set the rate to \$40 for the tickets made by Lee Gamache, seconded by Anne Merlin

Passed 7-0

Flag Update

The committee will contact David Moore from Bridgewater Historical Commission. Hanson Veteran Agent Tim White has expressed interest in helping out. The committee will need to talk to National Grid to fill out paperwork in order to use their poles. The flags will outline the parade route. Businesses will be contacted to potentially sponsor the flags. Fliers will be sent out by January 2020 to families of Veterans and businesses.

Yarn Bombing

The seniors at the Senior Center have expressed enthusiasm for this event. Kathy Keefe will do a forum to help them prepare for it.

Parade

The Parade is in the early stages of preparation. After talking with Police Chief, Mike Miksch, it has been recommended to start the parade at the Hanson Middle School and end at Indian Head School. This route is best due to accessibility for all.

Audrey Flanagan has looked into Clowns on unicycles for entertainment. She has heard back from one contact who does this free of charge but asks for donations for charity. Audrey has also looked into getting Massachusetts sports mascots, with pricing for Pat the Patriot, (Patriots) at \$1,200 for three hours, \$950 for Wally (Red Sox), and Blades (Bruins) for \$1200.

The Clydesdales were quoted for \$650. The High school and Middle school bands would be able to perform at no charge.

A motion to allocate \$4,000 made by Marcus Linn, seconded by Anne Merlin.

Passed 7-0

Audrey made note to reach out to the Boston Windjammers and the National Guard Bands. Letters will be sent out to see if businesses would be able to participate in the parade and how they would be able to help. The Grand Marshall for the parade will be nominated, with social media and the Whitman-Hanson Express used for promotion.

Fireworks Update

Anne will reach out to get price and availability for Old Home Day instead of the day of the parade.

Boston Winery

Joanne Blauss had been speaking to Boston Winery about doing a custom label for the 200th Anniversary, priced at \$20 a bottle-donation.

Pop-up Store

New merchandise is ready to be picked up. There was discussion about setting up pop-up stores, starting on November 16th at the All American Assisted Living Craft Fair. Shaw's will also be contacted about setting up shop. One of the first pop-ups at the Thomas Mill has been booked on Sunday, December 1, 2019, 10-2PM.

December 7, 2019, Audrey Flanagan will man the 200 Anniversary merchandise table at the Hanson Holiday Festival.

Matt Dyer joined the meeting at 8:15PM.

Calendar Update

Matt Dyer has put together the printed proof of the calendar and is in the process of being peer-reviewed.

Old Home Days

Contact volunteers for games and 4-H or the Boy Scouts for food.

Christy ran through points for geocaching.

III. New Business

Library

Library Director Karen Stolfer has reached out to Audrey with ideas. These events include a Hanson 200 word essay contest, photo contest, and posters with children to march in the Parade. The library would love to host lectures with the Hanson Historical Commission.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Marcus Linn, seconded by Alex Stewart.

Passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

The next meeting will be scheduled On November 21st at 6 PM.