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MEETING MINUTES
300th Year Anniversary Committee
Special Meeting
Warren Memorial Town Hall
Veteran's Meeting Room

Monday, November 7, 2018
6:30pm

In Attendance: Terry Armelin, Donna Wright, Blake Hatch, Amber Wakley, Paul Burns, Amy Hartenstein; Janice Gowdy, Bill Gowdy, Sarah Roman Greaves, Andrew Greaves (2nd Congregational Church of West Stafford); Chris Frank (Stafford Public Library); Kulli Ambler (Stafford Mill Town Quilters).

- 1. Establish Quorum and call meeting to order** Quorum was established and chair, Amber Wakley, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2. Review special meeting minutes from October 29, 2018,** Paul Burns made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 10/28/18 special meeting, Blake Hatch seconded the motion, and minutes were unanimously approved by all members.
- 3. Sponsorship**
The group discussed businesses each member has approached for sponsorship. To avoid repetition, a spreadsheet on Google Drive has been created, so members can denote those contacted.

4. Committee Updates

Clock

- Clock sponsor forms have been distributed and are trickling in
- Blake touched base with DOT for clock placement, learning the state boundary line is to the edge of the sidewalk. He shared additional details concerning the installation and preparation necessary for placement.
- Blake is on the Planning & Zoning Commission agenda for the 11/13 meeting, where the clock placement application will be reviewed with hopes of approval.

Merchandise

- The group would like to have a small giveaway and Donna presented information regarding pens. She presented a number of "taglines" that would be inscribed on the side of the pen, settling on:
Celebrating 300 Years
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Stafford, CT
The pens costs \$0.59 per pen + shipping. Paul Burns made a motion to accept the presented tagline and expense of the pens. Terry Armelin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Open Discussion

- Chris Frank attended, offering collaboration and assistance from the Stafford Public Library. His idea is to create a book of “memoirs” collecting memories and stories from Stafford residents of all ages. Recollections would maintain a certain character length and then be bound into a book form, for sale in October (suggested month) and kept within the Stafford history section at the library. He suggested using Applewood Books, a New England based publisher whose mission is tell the stories of America—its places, its people, and its history.

The group would like to partner with the Senior and Community Center, Stafford Housing Authority, schools, civic groups, etc. to gather a wide variety of submissions.

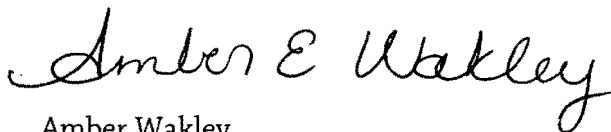
Once stories are bound to book, we walked about organizing a “book release” party, inviting those who both organized and contributed to the project.

- Members of the 2nd Congregational Church of West Stafford (UCC) attended, offering their support to 300-year endeavors and events. The committee was invited to attend one of their many table-top events and utilize the church as a means to communicate 300-year updates and info.
- Celebrating 180 years in 2019, UCC also suggested their church – built in 1839 - would make a wonderful stop for the “historic trolley tour,” slated for July 2019.
- Kulli Ambler updated the committee about the 300-year project of the Stafford Mill Town Quilters Club. The group plans to design and make a quilt reflective of Stafford’s architectural focal points, landmarks and likeness. Each block will have a description underneath it’s quilted image, with the member who sewed the block. Once completed (early fall of 2019), it will be put on display during 300-year events and “on tour” to locations throughout town, before being placed permanently within Town Hall.

5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Paul Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Blake Hatch, all were in favor. The November 7, 2018, meeting of the 300th Year Anniversary Committee was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber Wakley