

Susan Debarber

From: john stelma <ctbuckeyejohn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:41 PM
To: Ronald Callanan; Preet Singh; Alex Danka; Bettyb0026; John Stelma; Susan Debarber
Subject: Memorial Day Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2017 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order 7:10 pm

Members Present: Alex Danka, Ron Callanan, Preet Singh, John Stelma, Beverly Kennedy

Members Absent: None

Meeting was opened in an open forum setting with the following items presented and discussed:

- Status of donation letters were discussed.
- Town donation of \$3500 was received by Alex Danka.
- Performing Arts will provide entertainment at the grand stand from 10:30 am to 11:00 pm after which the ceremonies will start. Kayla Fitzgerald will be vocalist for the Star Spangled Banner.
- Correction was made to the amount of check given to the winners of the essay contest. Correct amount was \$50.00
- 4 gross of small flags was ordered- to be distributed during the parade.
- Judge for the Fireman's trophy will be a 30 yr vet of the Milford Fire Department.
- The Sikhs will hand out ice cream during the parade as they have in years past.
- Trash cans to be put at the start of the parade near Webster Bank since there were complaints as to the lack of trash cans at last years parade. There was a request for a Port A Potty at the start of the parade as well.
- It was suggested that an article be put in Voices to tie in the 100 year anniversary for World War I to the parade theme. It was also suggested that patches for the 100th anniversary be put on the volunteer shirts and 100th anniversary flags be handed out in addition to the regular U.S. flags.
- Touch a Truck was mentioned as a possible fundraiser once the parade season is over.
- 3 costumes were secured for people to dress in and walk along the parade route. The costumes would be Miss Liberty, Uncle Sam, and Smoky the Bear.
- Hot Dogs will be handed out at the end of the parade at the Congregational Church. John will add that information as well as the name of the band at the grandstand in any future news releases.
- Parade will also have a dress up your dog contest with a prize going to the winner of the best dressed dog.
- It was emphasized that the ceremonies would be held to a half hour so that the parade can step off at 11:30 as scheduled so that units in the parade with other commitments will be able to depart on time.
- Fireman's trophy will be awarded to the best overall company.
- Line of march need to be planned out.
- People will be allowed to enter best decorate lawnmowers with the possibility to win a prize for the best decorated.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 pm-Motion made by Alex, seconded by John.

Next Meeting will be held at the Community Center on May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Stelma