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**Subject:** Seymour Remembers Memorial Day Parade Committee Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2017

Committee "Seymour Remembers" Memorial Day  
Meeting Minutes-(Thursday May 17,  
2017) 7:00 p.m.  
Seymour Community Center

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Members Present-Alex Danka, Ron Callanan, Preet Singh, Beverly Kennedy, John Stelma
3. Members absent-None
4. Others present-none
5. Approval of Minutes for the date of May 11, 2017 will be done at the meeting of May 25, 2017.
6. Public Comment/ Open Forum-The following items were discussed during the Open Forum part of the meeting-
  - A. Ron reviewed the line of march and added additional groups that confirmed, since our last meeting. that they would be marching including American Legion Post 10, Seymour Middle School Band, Morning Star Lodge #47, Seymour Cheerleaders, and the Public Works Department (vehicles). It was brought up that that we should contact other social groups to be a part of the parade lineup such as Karate/Jiu Jitsu groups. Dignitaries will also participate in the line of march from the start of the parade to the reviewing stand.
  - B. John will obtain the bio of our Grand Marshall for use during the parade.
  - C. John will call Ron with the names and correct spellings of our contest winners and 1st runner up winners so that the engraver can begin the work on the plaques.
  - D. The amount of \$500 was approved to purchase an ad in the Voices newspaper for the Wed. May 24th edition with information on the parade and related events. John will call the contact at Voices (Doreen Burghart) so that a template can be made for the ad which will include information on the band performing prior to the Memorial Day Ceremony, the Ceremony, the Parade, and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I.
  - E. Alex stated that he contacted the Tkacz family as well as Daddios for cars to be used in the parade but we were still in need of 2 additional cars. He will contact Sean Walsh and the Police Chief to try to obtain the two additional cars.
  - F. Ron announced that John Behun and Barry from the VFW Post would assist us on the day of the parade.
  - G. The name of the Guest Speaker was given and it was decided that he would receive a plaque as well. The selection was made by the Hartford Headquarters of the National Guard. (The name was changed since the May 16th meeting to Warrant Officer Michael Young).

H. Ron to call Patty Rimcumas to sing the National Anthem. (Patti has agreed to sing the National Anthem on the day of the Parade).

I. John will call pastors, ministers, priests to find someone to give the invocation to start the Memorial Day Ceremony. (Pastor Bosworth of the United Methodist Church on Pearl Street has agreed to do the invocation).

J. Items still to be completed-Trophy for the Fireman (best overall unit), car signs, plaques for the Grand Marshall and essay winners and 1st runner up winners (4)

H. Press releases will be given to the following newspapers-Voices, Waterbury Republican, New Haven Register, Valley Independent Sentinel, and the Connecticut Post. John passed out a copy of the item to be placed in the newspapers. It was suggested that the following items be added- The Sikhs walking along the parade route to hand out ice cream to people watching the parade, the shuttle bus that will run at the beginning of the parade.

I. John mentioned he would like to have someone take some pictures of the parade and events for inclusion in the local papers. Preet added that he would send some that he had last year for us to use.

J. It was suggested that we use the pins from last year to give to all of the participants in the Essay Contest this year.

K. It was emphasized that we should have a timeline of the ceremonies so that we do not run over the 1/2 hour allotted.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stelma