



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
August 17, 2017
East Windsor Historical Society

The August 17, 2017 planning meeting for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of East Windsor met at the Osborn House of the East Windsor Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Present: *Jason Bowsza, Ceil Donahue, Steven Downs, Andy Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, Ian Neill, Burma Shaw, Andy Shefrin, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim, Patricia Tracy, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Paul Anderson, *Peg Hoffman, *Scott Morgan, *Tom Talamini

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the July 20, 2017 meeting were not available for review. We did not have a quorum for our August 17, 2017 meeting. The minutes for the July 20, 2017 and August 3, 2017 meetings will be reviewed at the September 7, 2017 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Since we had visitors, we introduced ourselves at the start of the meeting.

The Broad Brook Car and Bike Show will be at the Res. on Saturday September 2, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule: Kirk Montstream informed us that the committee is “fully immersed” in the time capsule. We are considering that we might keep the time capsule in a stationary display location with a roving collection box to accept submissions at each of our events. Time Capsule Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Kirk Montstream, Chuck Riggott, and *Bill Thim.

Planning Committee:

Wood Memorial Library: We met with Jessica Vogelgesang at the Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor on Monday August 7, 2017; they are interested in some combined events around Ellsworth school and Old Main Street. They will also coordinate library passport tour with South Windsor Public Library, Wood Memorial Library, Warehouse Point Library and the Broad Brook Library. We might also do a letterbox or painted rocks event.

Masquerade Ball: Rebecca Talamini has looked into the cost of ordering silver, black, and gold masks for the place settings at our Masquerade Ball.

Winter Fest: The Winter Festival is now on February 24, 2018 so it doesn't interfere with the Abby's Walk Gala. Jim may have a wagon with horses we can use for the Winter Fest; he will most likely volunteer his time for the event.

Reenactment: Ceil Donahue has had trouble reaching the director from the Warehouse Point Fife and Drum Corp. Andy Shefrin said he can try to get in touch with him, but he

noted they are expensive to hire.

Sundae Funday: The Infoshread Truck is scheduled for our Sundae Funday at the Res. on July 15, 2018.

Blood Drive: The EW250 will host a blood drive at Scout Hall on Saturday January 13, 2018 from 8am to 1:00 pm.

Haunted Hose House: The Warehouse Point Fire Department will be holding their Haunted Hose House again this year.

We still need more volunteers. This is a very involved committee. If anyone wants to help organize one or more events, please email the 250th committee at EW250@eastwindsorct.com.

Planning Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Ian Neill, Debbie Talamini, and *Lynn Tracy-Thim, Bill Thim. {Point Person: Lynn Tracy-Thim}

Fundraising Committee:

The planning committee will provide the fundraising committee with forms listing a breakdown of the costs of each event so companies can choose to sponsor part of the expenses of an event. (Ex. \$65/hour with a 4 hour minimum for the police on Community Day) We will also need a form to keep track of who the sponsors are, the events covered, when the money is needed, and the date paid.

Fundraising Event: Burma Shaw suggested we hold an event to show the documentary called “Thrall Hall” with a question and answer period. We discussed possible locations to show the movie: opera house and scout hall have both committed to multiple events, opening the schools requires janitor and police coverage, the EWHS might be available to show the movie.

Fundraising Dance: The “Thrall Hall” Documentary discussion led to the suggestion that we throw a 50’s dance (sock hop with dj). Other possibilities are a 1968 themed dance like the then-modern dance they had for the 200th celebration or a modern dance. One possibility for an oldie’s dance would be to see if we can combine it with the Ellsworth Schoolhouse event; in addition to public advertising, we could send specific invitations to Ellsworth alumni.

Andy Hoffman has asked Connor Henley from the MMCT for \$10, 000; Mr. Henley seems responsive to the request. We may ask the MMCT to sponsor a specific event or part of an event also; they have already offered show tickets for door prizes at our Masquerade Ball.

Fundraising Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Andy Hoffman, and Kirk Montstream. Point people: John Burnham and Andy Hoffman

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

T-shirts: The twelve 2x and one 5x t-shirts will be ready this week.

Ice Cream Social: Our table at the East Windsor Historical Society’s Ice Cream Social sold \$516 in merchandise and received \$134 in donations. Part of the donation money was from the barber Sara who split her tips between the East Windsor Historical Society and the EW250.

Acadia Books: Since their August 12, 2017 release, the EW250 has \$432 in sales from Ceil Donahue’s East Windsor Book. The EW250 copies of the book are being sold at the town hall, warehouse point library, senior center, and broad brook library.

Merchandise Tables: The next event with an EW250 merchandise table will be the 4H fair, followed by the 4 Town Fair from September 14th to 17th. Please send Ceil an email if you are able to work at the table during that time, so she can create a schedule.

Sunflowers: Pat Tracy’s found a company in Chicago that can make the fiberglass sunflowers about 30” in diameter to be placed on a 4’ or 6’ pole. The first mold would cost \$2,400 with each unit after that costing \$395. The first order must be for at least 10

flowers. Pat asked if she should pursue going to businesses to see if they would like to pre-order a sunflower. However a few people were concerned that if the businesses spend \$400 on a sunflower, they will not be donating that money to the EW250 committee, and our events will not be covered.

Sign Painting: Rebecca Talamini is going to try to organize a second sign painting day on August 26, 2017. She will email the group for details.

Promotion & Merchandise Committee: Ceil Donahue, Dan Donahue, Scott Grizey, *Peg Hoffman, and *Rebecca Talamini

Parade and Picnic Committee:

No new updates; we will try to get a breakdown of the different costs.

Committee: *Diane Lajoie, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim {Point Person: Bill Thim}

Social Media Committee:

Rebecca Talamini has an updated list of the donors on our website. She is working on adding links to the events page with details for each of the events. Facebook is growing every day; keep sharing our Facebook page with your friends:

<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>.

Social Media Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Bob Maynard, and *Rebecca Talamini

Press & Advertising Committee:

No updates this week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Fire Truck Slide: Andy Shefrin wanted to let us know that the Parks and Recreation department has taken their Fire Truck Slide back. Since it is now back in the town's possession, we will not have to worry about whose insurance will cover it.

**Lynn Tracy-Thim made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie