

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, Bill Rose, Bob Grindle and Julie Lindquist. Unable to attend was member Ann Lewis.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from November 8, 2022, made by Bill Rose, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Financial Report Update:

The closing Bicentennial Financial Report was emailed to the Committee (all outstanding invoices have been paid including the marching band and DPW overtime). Remaining fund total is \$17,823.73.

b. T-shirt sales – reduce price:

T-shirts were sold at the Chaplin Elementary Craft Fair at a reduced price (didn't sell many with 20 left - mostly small). A T-shirt was donated to the PTO Raffle. The price for the T-shirts will be reduced further and on display for sale in the library (Anne suggested saving one for the future).

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Unfinished business? Creating a 2022 Bicentennial Archive:

- Julie Lindquist and her husband Carl sent out an invitation via email to celebrate all who helped make the Bicentennial a success. The gathering will be held at their home on Wednesday, December 21st from 4-6pm with remarks at 5pm (snow date is December 22nd - please respond by email to Susan at the Town Hall).
- The Committee was presented with Parish Hill Newsletter that includes an article about the Drone Club collaborating with the Bicentennial Committee.
- Discussion was held about preserving and archiving as much as possible from the Bicentennial (both hard copy and digital) including: drone photos, the play, videos of the talks, programs and news articles. Warren Church suggested writing a summary of the walks. Julie Lindquist expressed concerns about digital copies becoming obsolete in the future (hard copies would cover that). Anne Sicilian suggested making a Bicentennial Booklet with a selection of photos from each month. Leslie Ricklin suggested purchasing an album and a keepsake box for mementos. Bob Grindle suggested creating a book done by professional organizations made from photos and narrative to preserve the history of the event (could also include the programs). Dick Weingart suggested asking to reserve a specific amount from the leftover funds for the Bicentennial Archive project. Bill Rose suggested another meeting to continue discussion and wrap up the Archive Project (Leslie will sort mementos, Warren will finish categorizing the drone photos and write summary of the walks, Anne will talk to Sandy about preserving videos for the talks and research getting photos

from Facebook, Bob will get more information and cost on a Bicentennial Book done professionally, need to talk to John Meyer about preserving his video).

The Committee will hold a special meeting in January to continue discussion and wrap up the Bicentennial Archive Project.

- Bill Rose thanked Julie and Carl for opening up their home to celebrate all who worked on the Bicentennial.
- Julie Lindquist saluted Leslie Ricklin for her generosity, spirit, kindness and patience in leading the Bicentennial Committee.

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (4:45 PM) made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Bill Rose and carried unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk***