

## **Burrillville Bicentennial Commission**

**105 Harrisville Main Street Harrisville, RI 02830-1499**

**Minutes were approved April 13, 2005 at the regular meeting of the Bicentennial Commission.**

**March 23, 2005 meeting minutes**

**7:25 pm Meeting called to order by Patricia Mehrtens**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mehrtens, Charlotte Gabrielson, Patricia Henderson and Richard Peck**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Rhodes**

**Introduction of guest speaker Paul Metzger, chairperson for the Tricentennial celebration of**

**Sutton, MA by Patty Henderson**

**Mr Metzger explained they requested and received \$25,000 seed money from the Town Council. He also explained they had over 15 people on their committee and started 2 years prior to the celebration.**

**They raised \$225,000 through fund raising.**

**Paul went on to say they had publishers in their group who published books for sale, as well as ornaments, postcard books etc to be sold at a store that was set up for this propose on Saturdays.**

**They hired J. Bishop of Portsmouth, NH to organize their parade for a fee of \$2500. Their parade cost was over \$90,000.**

**Mr Metzger said he would help us in any way.**

**We thanked him and Charlotte walked him out**

**Business to be discussed and acted upon:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Family Fair**

**Postcards given to businesses to promote celebration**

**Banners and signs**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**It was decided we would ask the Town Council for \$50,000 as start up funds.**

**Pat Mehrtens and Patty Henderson will draft a letter and present it to the Michael Wood, Town Manager stating the above facts and figures.**

**Get State Rep involved**

**List of local Businesses for fund raising- Dick will get this list together**

**Notice in local papers such is Neighbors, Bargain Buyer' etc**

**Pat M to contact Sherry Hall about Banners**

**Contact Town about T&x ID # for donations**

**Pat M will get 15 pictures together for postcards**

**Adjournment @ 8:45 p.m. called by Patricia Mehrtens, seconded by Richard Peck**