

Burrillville Bicentennial Committee Minutes January 17, 2006

Meeting came to order at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Peck, Silvia St. Pierre, Richard Nolan, Patricia Henderson

Members Absent: Patricia Mehrtens

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$23,394.58. This includes the grants from Ocean State Power and the Levy Foundation.

Minutes of the December 14 meeting were approved and seconded.

Ed Pacheco, our RI State Representative was present to discuss the Salute to Burrillville event at the State House. He has Feb. 2, 25, 22, and 28 available from 5 to 7 p.m. We chose Feb. 28. This will be a small event in the State Room. The Lt. Governor or Secretary of State will read the official document and there will be a speaking program. Town and state officials along with the town council, town committee members, and other group leaders will be invited to attend. Refreshments will be in the foyer outside the State Room. We will give the addresses of individuals to invite to Ed within 2 weeks. He will send out invitations. We will invite the Gloucester town council, as we broke away from them in 1806. We will send out around 150 invitations. Ed will look into refreshments. He will make a contribution to the refreshments. A discussion about the refreshments occurred- should we get someone from town to cater? Ed will look into this as there may be a caterer that the State House uses.

Ed discussed the special grant from the joint house and senate. He discussed \$5,000 for the Bicentennial committee. Regarding dignitaries for the parade, Ed will help us. We will send letters to dignitaries and he will follow up with phone calls. Ed will forward the resolution document and we will review and correct. We will give a DVD, hat, and button to Ed as a thank you.

Old Business:

Parade info - Dick narrowed the date down to October 1st or 8th at 1:00. Bands will include the high school band, the 88th Army band and 4 others. He noted that local bands are cheaper. We should have 4 to 6 bands. The route will be from St Patrick's cemetery to the high school. A trolley from the Blackstone Tourism Council or RIPTA will be in the parade. World War II veterans will ride in convertibles or the trolley.

The bonfire was well attended with approximately 400 people. It was decided that we will have a bonfire at the end of this year as a closing of the bicentennial year. We will advertise for old Christmas trees to be brought the day before for the bonfire.

Schools – discussed next meeting.

Fundraising letters- Pat H. has the list of businesses for donations. This includes money donated for advertisement on the book. East Coast Artisans and DP Printing are local for the printing of the booklets.

Bucket fundraising – Three package stores, Lawrence Brothers, Li'l General, RI Credit Union

New Business:

Patches will be on school uniforms. Dick will check with Ray Trinque.

Discussion continued for bonfire for next Dec. 31.

At Wrights banquet we will conduct a ceremony for everyone who helped us. A certificate/gift will be awarded as thanks. They include: Harrisville Fire, Pascoag Fire, Oakland Mapleville Fire, Mike Gingell, Ed Pacheco, Boy Scouts.

List of names to Ed

Town council members

Town Manager

Parade Grand Marshall

School Committee and Principals

Church leaders (pastors)

Glocester Town Council

Police Dept. (chief)

Fire Depts. (chiefs and representatives)

Recreation Dept.

Public Works Dept.

We need to find out how to get trees for planting in April.

Time capsule will be buried at end of the year. We need to discuss what to put in it and where to bury it.

Next meeting we will review: Time capsule - Booklet of events - School winners' essays and posters -Proclamation - Pictures - Coins.

Next meeting will be February 21, 7:00 p.m. at Legion Hall (Burr. Ambulance building).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted February 19, 2006

Silvia St. Pierre, secretary