

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
250th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Northbridge Town Hall
July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Maria Paulhus, Dave Potty, Tony Genga arrived at 7:24

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes- June 13, 2022 meeting...** motion to approve by Dave Potty, Brian Paulhus second. All in favor
- II. Police/Fire Logistics**
 - a. Staging will start at 8:30 AM...
 - b. Fire trucks (Northbridge, Uxbridge and Sutton will line up first on Lake St). Remaining vehicles will wrap into NES
 - c. Linwood Ave will shut down at 9:45, right before the parade starts
 - d. Church St (Memorial Square to will shut down at 9 AM
 - e. We anticipate 2 hours for the parade
 - f. Performers will stop at UniBank and perform for 3 minutes or less each
 - g. Talk to DPW and School about how we can block off access to the turf field. Bleachers will be open for folks...Per Tony, the school takes care of blocking this off. Brian will reach out to Amy McKinstry.
- III. Sub Committees Updates**
 - a. Sponsor Update from Kristy Genga...up to \$29,950 for business sponsors. Individual residents total \$1,071. Total \$31,021 committed. \$1,750 has not yet been received...banners have been ordered from Graffiti Works.
 - b. Parade Update from Maria and Brian Paulhus...June 30 cutoff passed but we had an additional 5 groups reach out since then
 - i. Approximately 50 registered groups (250 people)
 - ii. People should park at the NES, take shuttle bus to NES, arriving between 8:30 and 9:00
 - iii. Anticipate 2 hours from start to finish.
 - iv. Both NES and NHS will be open for restroom use
 - v. Volunteers will be stationed at both schools; 8-10 volunteers at NES coordinating and 2 at NHS
 - vi. 1 volunteer at the common to help Greg A set up and any other vendors
 - vii. Kristy G at UniBank
 - viii. 2 water stations for participants sponsored by Open Sky and WalMart along the route (Cross St at old NES and on Main St near Town Hall)
 - ix. Grand Marshall, Ken Warchol
 - x. Muradian/Fattman float- they'd like to put 15 veterans on that float. Also have Ken W on this float, he will get off at UniBank and then announce the acts as they stop to perform at the grandstand. Will look into a sound system for him to use or maybe a bullhorn.
 - xi. Harbro donating a couple of cars for use in the parade. Imperial did not reply back to email after they had volunteered to donate a couple of open-air cars.
 - xii. Tony will have radios for volunteers to use.
 - xiii. Tony motion to pay invoice from Mexico Lindo Mariachi Band for \$1,300 and Greg Assadorian for \$1,000, Dave second. All in favor.

- xiv. Drone is confirmed. Tony spoke with Mike Buckley and he's with RES. They will record and share the tape with us when done. They will be stationed in UniBank lot.
 - xv. Greg Assadorian will start playing at 9 AM at the common.
 - xvi. Mr Ice Guy doing ice cream from 9 – Noon
 - xvii. Food vendors near Memorial Square: kettle corn, smoothies, milkshakes, lemonades, burgers, dogs, pizza
 - xviii. Glitter tattoos until 11 AM and then back for fireworks. She will charge \$5 per tattoo
 - xix. Creative Chica: Balloon twister from 9-11:30. Dave motion to approve \$300, Tony second. All in favor
 - xx. Trevor the Juggler: juggler and magician. 9-10:30. Roaming from Memorial Square to Ovia Square before the parade hits those areas. Tony motion to approve \$450, Dave second. All in favor.
 - xxi. Historical Society opening from 2-5 day of the parade for tours
 - xxii. Northbridge Cable will be recording the parade. Recommendation is in front of UniBank. Tony will look into where they can set up and will reach out to them.
 - xxiii. 9' Balloon arch and pole decorating (25 poles), arch at fireworks entrance: total is \$2,080. Up Balloon Décor...Tony motion to approve, Dave second. All in favor.
- c. Fireworks
- i. Tony needs to line up a custodian for NMS
 - ii. Gates open at 6 PM
 - iii. Linwood Ave shut down at 5 PM
 - iv. New Bay Colony starts playing at 6:30 PM...
 - v. Balloon twister: Balloons by Ciel. \$350 for 3 hours. Dave motion to approve, Tony second. All in favor.
 - vi. Face painter: Face Painting by Christine Z. \$375. Tony motion to approve, Dave second. All in favor.
 - vii. Caricaturist: Partoons by Don. \$400. NFD paid \$100. Tony motion to approve \$300, Dave second. All in favor.
 - viii. Glitter tattoos
 - ix. Living statues (like at the UniBank celebration) 6:30-8:30...they have their own stands with lighting. Samuel Slater and a mill worker. Located somewhere near the entry gate. Cost is \$2,300. Ten 31 Productions. Tony motion to approve, Dave second. All in favor.
 - x. Will need help on Sunday morning to clean up the field and Pine Grove cemetery at 7 AM. Northbridge Boy Scouts have volunteered to help.
 - xi. Playground and Recreation- Mark Tracey is setting up port-a-potties for fireworks. Also, add 1 at old NES, 2 at Common, 1 at CoreMark. Tony will call Chase about getting these added.
 - xii. Tony spoke to the sound engineer today and we would need to upgrade the sound system this year so folks can better hear. He doesn't have a price yet. Tony will ask him about possibly tying into the PA system at the field.

IV. Open Discussion

- a. If we have extra money, can we consider giving a commemorative plaque to sponsors of certain levels? Definitely something to consider once all bills are paid
- b. Coin- Jack Crawford met with Tony and indicated they were moving forward with the coins. Eric from the Museum is taking the lead on the coins. They won't be ready by 7/16. The Museum will be responsible for selling 50 coins and we would have the rest. Tony suggested having 250 coins, numbered 1-250...suggestion made to consider giving corporate sponsors a coin and certificate. First coin to the Historical Society. Members of the committee will also get one.

V. Next meeting- July 12 at 7 PM, Town Hall

Brian motion to adjourn at 8:48 PM, Maria second. All in favor.

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