

KILLINGWORTH 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

September 26, 2017

The regular meeting of the 350th Anniversary Commemoration Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Lucinda Hogarty at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Office Building.

The following members were present: Lew Scranton, Les Riblet, George Dupree, Charles Smith, Tom Lentz, Greg Wind, Mike Parahus, Lucinda Hogarty, Carl Nord, Cathy Iino (*ex officio*). Absent: Fie Budzinsky, Michelle Adametz. Excused: Andrea Freibauer, Franco Piscitelli, and Linda Dudek. Guests: Dave Beaudette, Al Karg.

Al Karg, from St. Lawrence Church, presented a proposal that this year's Walk against Hunger—the Church sponsors a Walk every October—be part of the 350th celebrations. The Walk will be at Parmelee Farm rather than Chatfield Hollow State Park, where it has been held in the past, and participants can designate any of five charities to receive their contribution: the Kay Mari Orphanage in Haiti; Killingworth's Helping Hands food pantry; Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen in Houston; the Salvation Army Food Pantry & Social Services in Naples, Florida; or the American Nation Red Cross Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

Nord moved, Lentz seconded, endorsing the 2017 Walk Against Hunger as a 350th Activity. Motion passed, with Scranton abstaining.

Nord moved, Parahus seconded, that the minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting be accepted as presented. The minutes were approved, with Scranton and Lentz abstaining.

Budget. As of September 26, the total income for the celebration is \$22,741. Expenditures paid to date total \$17,215. Among the pending charges are a \$951 charge for programs on Native American life; charges for Jim Kane's videotaping services [expected to be about \$200—ci]; charges for State Trooper services on September 2.

The committee discussed the treatment of surplus funds, if any, once all expenses are covered. Les Riblet, Charlie Smith, and Greg Wind were designated as a subcommittee on financial accounting to handle remaining charges and report back to the 350th committee once all bills are in.

The Lions took in \$2,187 in parking fees; they have decided to contribute it to relief efforts in Hardin, Texas after Hurricane Harvey.

Archives. Town Historian Tom Lentz is collecting all materials to be archived. Hogarty is completing a binder with all schedules, publicity, and documents produced. The committee discussed the best way to preserve records of the event. The consensus was to preserve a physical record but perhaps to digitize and store in the cloud.

Hogarty will collect photos electronically and produce an album.

Grant reporting. Hogarty will report back to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and the Killingworth Foundation/Fund. Smith will report back to TD Bank. Several funders required that we display their logo at the events; that requirement was met with sandwich boards and signs at Parmelee during the picnic.

Publicity. Parahus will write up an overview of the year's events, including a chronology.

The committee discussed terminating the Facebook page but decided to maintain it for a while.

Valley Shore Community Television is airing videos of the parade and of the whole day's festivities, including the picnic, on Channel 19. The program schedule is available at <http://www.vsctv.com/schedule.html>. Links to the videos will be placed on the Killingworth 350th page on the town website.

Lessons learned. Everyone agreed that the September 2 events were a huge success. "Nothing but good comments" were heard from townspeople.

Although Scranton wished the parade had been longer, there was general agreement that the length—45 minutes—was appropriate, particularly since the parade meant shutting down an active state highway.

Everyone agreed that the parade should include more horses.

A ditty, not an ode. Hogarty presented verses capturing the year's highlights (attached) and thanked the members of the committee for their hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Iino

A Ditty, not an Ode, to Killingworth

The old names are legion
Known all over the region
I'll name some I thought you should know

There were already tribes
But very few scribes
The written history starts off quite slow

The settlers came
We know many a name
And Killingworth started to grow

Abell Buell left his mark
An inventor's bright spark
But forgery brought him some woe

To the islands went Coan
Where the sun always shone
But he never forgot all our snow

A poem on birds
Creatures with words
Longfellow, Lofting and Coe

The Preacher, and a man on a pig
Decked out with a suit or a wig
Carvings that move with the flow

Don't forget Cowboy Valley
In summer, would rally
The crowds for a place they must go

To see the Old West
Gunfights and the rest
An amazingly memorable show

Our high rocky home
On the Killingworth Dome
Where history imparts its own glow

With views of the Sound
And nature all round
These are things that I thought you should know!

*With gratitude for all you've done to
make this year a success.*

*It's been wonderful working with
you all.*

Lucinda

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