

Metuchen Parade Commission

February 2, 2021, 7:15-8:15PM

Attendees: Patricia Lucas-Schnarre, Lynne Mueller and Elen Regan

Future Meeting Schedule: March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 6*, Aug. 2, Sept. 7*, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

Minutes

- Lynne motioned to approve meeting minutes from January 2021; minutes approved
- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Poster Contest
 - The Metuchen Arts Council has agreed to display the artwork as a powerpoint deck on their website again this year
 - Patricia to reach out to the school Art Teachers with details by February 15; will request the submissions are sent as a powerpoint slide.
 - Rolling Parade
 - Ellen will contact Melissa to ensure the Borough and Chief Irizarry approve
 - Once confirmed, will reach out to Rob Donnan to let him know the Parade Commission would like to be involved.
 - Lynne reported that Blue Parachute signs are \$6.50 each (min. qty of 200)
 - Ellen shared that Power House signs are \$8.50 each (no minimum)
 - Lynne will circle back to Blue Parachute with the following:
 - Cost to design if we update the sign they shared from last year to include DPW, EMS, fire and police images/icons with a patriotic spin
 - What is the minimum cost per sign (that includes design) so that we can charge \$10 per sign and have money left over to donate to the FPC food pantry (ideally \$3-3.50 a sign)
 - Memorial Park Ceremony
 - Ellen to check with Mayor Busch regarding pre-recording the ceremony, similar to the winter festivities
- **Mid-year presentation to Borough Council**
 - Patricia will reach out to Susan to request a new date to present and also secure a summer date for the 2021 mid-year presentation
 - Patricia asked that the Commission review the deck and provide her with any changes/comments
- **Winter Festival**
 - Patricia will request an invoice to pay artist \$100 for the flyer she had created to promote the window painting

- Meeting on February 3 with the heads of the Temples to discuss fundraising for a new Menorah for the Plaza
 - Will discuss options to include a wrought iron structure or a light display on the Plaza wall by OLP
 - Patricia will reach out to Kelly at OLP for her thoughts/ideas and costs

- **New Business**
 - Commission members agreed to place Brendan Flynn's participation on a leave of absence (possibly 6 months) due to personal reasons
 - Armed Forces Commission representative
 - Lynne contacted Brian Stike, VP at MHS, about being a member of the Commission, will follow up with him after a week's time
 - Terry Kohl agreed to participate on the commission
 - Patricia will reach out to Bernie Heizel about his interest in being an associate member.