

Metuchen Parade Commission

January 10, 2021, 7:15-8:15PM

Attendees: Maggy Cook, Rob Giegerich, Nancy Goldberg, Daniel Hirsch, Bernie Hetzel, Denis Kane, Terry Kohl, and Ellen Regan

Minutes

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes from Bernie once misspelling is fixed.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony**
 - There are specific military traditions that are integral to their program
 - Denis to liaison with Walter at the American Legion to find out more about the ceremony and Walter's preference for the ceremony
 - Ask Walter if the ceremony should continue at Memorial Park prior to the start of the parade or move to after the parade at the Plaza.
 - Discuss how the Grand Marshall and other distinguished guests are invited
- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Start parade at 10am on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30
 - Theme - TBD
 - Continue with Art Contest for the elementary school students
 - Grand prize winner was the cover of the brochure
 - Certificates awarded to the grade winner from each school
 - Entertainment to include MHS band (at the start of the parade), bagpipers, ragtime band and banjo rascals
 - Invite children to decorate their bikes and join in at the end of the parade
 - Commission to secure a bus for residents of the Menlo Park Veterans Home to attend the ceremony and parade
 - Invite HS graduates attending military school to attend the parade
 - Registration - Dan suggested using a google form (there is no fee to participate)
 - Vendor payments - Nancy to ask the MDA if they can handle this for the commission
 - Participant list - Ellen to ask Tyreen for the distribution list used in the past to solicit marchers
 - Project Plan to be reviewed and owners assigned at the next meeting.