

Metuchen Parade Commission

March 14, 2022, 7:15PM

Attendees:

John Gaven, Denis Kane, Bernie Hertzell, Terry Kohl, Ellen Regan and Wendy Richards

Minutes

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes from Bernie.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony**
 - Denis and John will connect with Walter at the American Legion to find out more about the ceremony and Walter's preference for the ceremony location
 - Ask Walter about Grand Marshall, special dignitaries and color guard, as well as the wreaths needed
 - Commissions' preference is to have the Ceremony at Memorial Park followed by the Parade. The parade would start at Edgar Middle School and end at the Plaza with nothing specific planned at the Plaza
 - Bernie to ask the MDA if they plan to do anything for Memorial Day
- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Theme suggestions:
 - We Honor You or We Remember
 - Logistics:
 - Rob to reach out to Rob Donnan regarding the parade route and his involvement
 - Ellen to ask Brandon for video footage from previous years
 - Terry secured Mark Harris from the Arts Council to take pictures
 - Suggested that the Mayor emcee part of the parade (instead of a Plaza ceremony)
 - Rise Up Chorus to sing at Cai's from the start time of the parade to the when the first marcher arrives
 - Participants:
 - Rob will reach out to Principal Porowski about inviting students who plan to attend military school to the parade, as well as using the marquee to promote
 - Ellen will work with Dan Hirsch on the google form for registration
 - Email distribution list has been requested from Tyreen
 - Art Contest
 - Terry will ask if the Art Council is willing to host the student submissions again this year
 - Publicity
 - Ellen will see if Brandon would be willing to help with the graphics for the parade
 - Form submitted to request banner space on Main Street from 5/2-5/30
 - Entertainment
 - Ellen will confirm the Fred Lehotqy ragtime band, the Banjo Rascals and the Stilt walkers