

Metuchen Parade Commission
January 23, 2024, 7:15 PM
Metuchen Borough Hall

Minutes

Present: Maggy Cook, Rob Giegerich, Bernie Hertzell, Lisa Hyman, Terry Kohl, Kelley Kramer, Ellen Regan and Wendi Richards

Absent: Denis Kane

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27 at 10am

Theme: Remember and Honor

Ceremony

- Maggie will reach out to Booker to begin discussions around timing of ceremony and Grand Marshall and Viewing officer ideas. She will ask him to attend our February meeting.
- Rob will ask Jamie Schleck if he would like to MC the program again (post-meeting, Jamie agreed to do so)
- Terry will work on securing a soloist
- Bernie will contact the Rutgers color guard and find out if they are available
- It was suggested to honor in the program, Judge Pletchner, who recently passed, as he was a big part of the parade for many years.

Logistics

- Regarding the route, Lisa will ask the Council if the parade can step off at Edgar Middle School and proceed down Main Street to New Street, ending at the Plaza.

Participant Registration

- Ellen will send a Save the Date to the registration distribution list.

Art Contest

- Ellen will notify the art teachers at Campbell, Edgar and St. Francis of the contest with the request to have submissions completed by May 1. All artwork should include on the back the school, grade and teacher. There will be one winner from each grade and one Grand Prize winner, whose artwork will be the cover of the ceremony program.

Entertainment

- Rob will reach out to the Metuchen HS band about performing in the parade as well as providing musicians to perform Taps at the ceremony.
- Rob will ask Mo at Hailey's to provide bagpipers for the parade.
- Lisa will ask the MDA to provide the contact information for the entertainment they have hired for other events.
- Kelley will look into entertainment options she has through her work. She suggested the group, American Bombshells, as a possible option.

Winter Festival Parade

- Wendi is purchasing a gift card from Che Pizza to give to Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Recommended to identify a rain date for the Tree Lighting when announcing the parade details. It was agreed it would logistically be too challenging to have a rain date for the parade.

New Business

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20 at 7:15 p.m.