

Tolland Permanent Celebration Committee

Minutes, Special meeting on the Tolland 300th anniversary plans, July 12, 2011

7 p.m. – River of Life Church, Twin Ponds Plaza, Route 195, Tolland

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present: President Celeste Senechal; Treasurer Minna DiBella; Secretary Kate Farrish; members Perne Maynard and Sharon Hiller and volunteers Kathy Bach, Judy Goodman, Ken Davidson, Mitchell Atwater, Mike Bobey, Charlie Fields, Richard Tapp, Barbara Dube, Jim Gifford, Mike Pascuzzi and Debi Puzia
2. Committee members showed a tentative design for the Tolland 300th anniversary logo that features the old Tolland County Courthouse, built in 1822. The logo was designed by Tolland native Justin Lappen. Kathy suggested that the color green be considered instead of blue, and the committee agreed to ask Justin to produce a version in green to look at. Volunteers suggested it could be on holiday ornaments, notecards or trivets. Charlie suggested the committee consider a tie-in with Tolland, England and to work with the Tolland High School class of 2015. Judy shared a copy of “South Windsor Voices,” a book of poetry from South Windsor residents and suggested Tolland might consider publishing its own collection.
3. Ken showed the 300th anniversary web site, which has gone live at tolland300.org. He asked for help in getting photos and calendar items for the site. Perne said he can provide photos and Kathy said the historical society can look through its archives.
4. Celeste asked for volunteers to sign up for various ceremonies, including a gala committee, re-chartering ceremony committee, heritage trail committee, oral history committee, communications and planning/fundraising committee. At Kathy’s suggestion, Kate will investigate whether the committees will have to post minutes and agendas. (Note: Town Manager Steve Werbner said the next day that they do).
5. Volunteers signed up to work at an anniversary booth at Celebrate Tolland Day, which is Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Justin will be introduced at the event and the logo will be formally unveiled there.
6. The planning/fundraising committee will meet Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Jail Museum. The next Tolland 300 meeting has been tentatively set for Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m., with the location still to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.