

Minutes, Tolland 300th anniversary planning/fundraising committee meeting

Sunday, Aug. 7

2 p.m.

Old Tolland County Jail and Museum

1. Call meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. Present: Permanent Celebration Committee President Celeste Senechal, Secretary Kate Farrish and members Perne Maynard and Sharon Hiller; Recreation Director Tom Ainsworth; Kathy Bach from the Tolland Historical Society, several residents and Joseph Deroy of Monson, Mass.
2. Logo/merchandise update: Celeste provided an update on selection of a logo and merchandise that may be purchased. Kate announced that Eric Weiss will be treasurer of the Tolland 300 planning/fundraising committee and that Judy Schaefer has agreed to carry Tolland 300 merchandise at her store, The Homestead, on the green. Joseph Deroy described events and items that were part of anniversary celebrations in Ware and Monson, Mass. and offered to help the Tolland committee with merchandise
3. Anniversary planning timeline: Celeste reviewed the planning so far and asked people to help man a booth at Celebrate Tolland Day Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
4. Review of events: Celeste asked people to sign up to help with committees that will plan a gala, a parade, a "re-chartering" ceremony for May 12, 2015 and religious observances in 2015. Members of the public discussed the need to have an overarching theme or examination of where Tolland has been and where it is headed as the anniversary is celebrated. The historical society is working on a book that will examine some of these themes.
5. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
6. The next Tolland 300 meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., with the location to be determined.

Submitted by Kate Farrish