

Tolland 300th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting, held Sept. 14, 2011

7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Tolland

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present: Celeste Senechal, Kate Farrish, Perne Maynard, Judy Goodman, Minna DiBella, Sharon Hiller, Jim Gifford, Debi Puzia, Charlie Fields, Richard Tapp, Barbara Dube, Marshall Atwater, Bob DeRoy, Joe DeRoy, Richard Tapp and Leslie Tervo
2. Update on 300th anniversary plans and merchandise: Celeste provided an update on anniversary plans. She reported that the first batch of Tolland 300 merchandise has arrived and will be on sale at Celebrate Tolland Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school. After that, it can be purchased at The Homestead on the green.
3. Plans for Celebrate Tolland festival: Kate reported that the committee will unveil the Tolland 300th logo, designed by Tolland High School graduate Justin Lappen, at 10:30 a.m. at Celebrate Tolland. Volunteers signed up to staff the booth at Celebrate Tolland. Barbara Dube suggested that residents be asked "Does Tolland feel like a house or a home to you and why" at the festival, so a survey will be conducted.
4. Working groups then broke up to discuss events, including a gala, a "re-chartering ceremony," a parade and religious services, and publications such as a new history of Tolland since 1940 being written by Marshall Atwater and a commemorative program. The groups then reported back to the committee on timelines, budgets and next meeting dates.
5. A discussion of working with the public schools was tabled until Celeste and Kate can meet with school officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Kate Farrish