



**Concord 250<sup>th</sup> -- Community Participation Subcommittee**  
**August 1, 2023 meeting, Holy Family Parish House, Monument Square**  
**MINUTES**

Present (though not a quorum): Holly Cratsley, Maynard Forbes, Liza Bemis, Molly Eberle, Julia Farwell-Clay, Court Booth

Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2023 meeting deferred to next meeting.

**Intercommunity meeting**      Holly C.  
Lexington has 2 individuals interested in Community Participation

**250 Trees Project**                      Julia F-C  
The trees will be planted on public lands. There is now a list of people who will help site the tree planting locations.  
Will there perhaps be space at the new middle school property?  
Court B suggested a "sponsor a tree" approach to encourage community involvement and support. He will take this idea to the School Committee and the idea of exploring solar panel placement above parking lots to the Light Plant.

**Commemoration of Witness Houses**                      Holly C  
Joan Campbell has joined this group.  
Witness Houses differ from Revolution Houses.  
The National Park will not participate in this effort.  
Action: Gather history on each house; visits will start this Fall

**Scouting Badges**                      Maynard F  
Holly will send Maynard names of 2 Lexington contacts for this group.

**Possible Ag Day event (Sept. 9)**                      All  
Could we set up a spinning event on the 1<sup>st</sup> Parish lawn by Main Street? Julia knows the spinners network. Would need a small tent (Rec Dept), 2 spinners, maybe 2 sheep or a goat, a pen, informational panels on 2 easels, table, 2 chairs -  
Holly will pursue with 1<sup>st</sup> Parish and ask Diane Proctor's committee about 250<sup>th</sup> informational panels and possible selling 250<sup>th</sup> T-shirts, etc.  
Reality: This is coming up fast and it may not be possible to pull it off.  
Looking ahead, would like spinning event at Old Manse, 2024 and then 2025

**Involvement of Seniors**                      Holly, Molly  
Nancy Crowley, former director of Concord Park, willing to help. 978-369-2249 / 978-314-1960  
Last week, Holly & John Cratsley and Gary Clayton gave a well-attended presentation at Newbury Court, outlining 250<sup>th</sup> plans, inviting input  
Council on Aging contact = Tina Close (978-318-3020), welcomes programs, produces the monthly Newsletter; email her copy & images

We need to compile a list of possible programs we can offer that would serve as a menu of offerings that churches, clubs, any community groups could schedule for their members.

- Concord Band create some 45-min programs of patriotic music?
- Concord Traveling Players create some 1-act plays?
- Concord Orchestra's string quartet design a program of music popular in 1775?
- Concord Museum has a list of good speakers – let's collaborate
- Concord Garden Club design a kitchen garden workshop?

OVERALL GOAL = build 250<sup>th</sup> awareness

### **Other**

- Anniversary of Concord-Nanae Sister City program is Oct. 29. Dinner at Concord Art. Need fife & drummers for procession.
- Court will reach out to the organizers of Musketaquid Day. CC King (longtime Musketaquid involvement) has joined the Art & Culture subcommittee.
- Court will reach out to OARS to see if they'd like to be involved, create an event, likely involving rivers
- If we host river events, is there an insurance issue?

MEETINGS starting in September will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 2pm in the Hunt Gym 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room.