

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee was held in the Trustees Room of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street, on March 9, 2023.

Members Present: Rick Loughlin, Di Clymer, Polly Reeve, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Diane Proctor, David Wood, Nancy McJennett (for Holly Cratsley) and Joe Palumbo (for John Arena)

Also Present: Sue McCrory PCCC Chair

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. – A quorum being present.

Administrative & Committee Updates

1. The minutes of the February 28th, 2023 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.
2. Rick reported, following his presentation to the Finance Committee, that in addition to the \$200,000.00 currently available there will be \$500,000.00 available from ARPA funds and free cash will not be used.
3. Rick suggested that a fundraising subcommittee be added to the Executive committee and is meeting with prospective members.
4. Sue reported that the application, waiver form and new criteria for participation in the parade have all been updated and are on the website. The deadline for application is March 15th and they currently have 20 units confirmed. Diane asked about the rejection of Concord for Ukraine who did not meet the previous criteria, PCCC plans to reconsider their application under the new criteria. Any historical or entertaining unit will be considered.
5. Henry requested a few minutes for this committee to speak at the Bridge at this years parade and would also like this committee to march in the parade, Diane is in the process of getting a banner that will be carried.
6. Ellen Garrison birthday celebration is April 14, 2023 from 6-8 pm and will be the first event sponsored by this committee. The event will be on our calendar and they will use our logo on their promotional materials.
7. Beth Williams and Stewart Ikeda have appointments available to instruct on how the calendar is used. Diane will be sending out invitations to fill these appointments. Di is still working with the postmaster to obtain a 250 PO Box.
8. Nancy reported that VOX Concordia has indicated they will be doing an oral history project to hold a story telling event. Rick has contacted the West Concord Liquor store to inquire about a 250th wine and Di has contacted a local brewery to inquire about a 250th Brew.
Polly will be stepping down from the Executive Comm to focus on the Permanent Memorial committee and Sue was nominated to join the Executive Committee representing PCCC. All were invited to a joint meeting held by the State Reps for Concord, Lexington and Lincoln to a meeting March 24. Henry will be providing a schedule of events and cost estimates.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hopkins, Assistant Secretary

