



250th ART, LITERATURE & MUSIC SC
April 5, 2023 Minutes

Pursuant to notice duly given, the Subcommittee met at the Concord Free Public Library at 26 Main Street, Concord, Mass at 9:30 am on April 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Di Clymer, the Chairperson.

ATTENDEES:

Present for the meeting were Sam Williams, Sherry Litwack, Kate Yoder, Tammy Rose, Sandy Harper, Jane Fisher, Andrea Roessler, Allison Shilling, Priscilla Stevens, Carole Wayland, Kate James, Maura Clarke, Di Clymer, and C. Thomas Swaim, Secretary. Absent were Anke Voss, Jerry Wedge, Margot Kimball and Jan Turnquist. Rick Loughlin, member of the 250th Executive Committee and chair of the 250th Finance Subcommittee, attended part of the meeting.

MINUTES;

On motion duly made and seconded, with one correction the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON UPDATE:

Rick Loughlin gave an update on some financial matters pertaining to the 250th Celebration as follows:

- >Having appeared before the Town Finance Committee several times to discuss an appropriation by the Town in the amount of two million dollars, later reduced to six hundred thousand dollars as appearing in the 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the Finance Committee voted not to recommend approval of the warrant article.
- >Based on the above, the 250th Celebration Executive Committee decided not to move the warrant article at the Town Meeting due in part in consideration of the possible adverse effect such financing could have on the Town's excellent bond rating, given the significant other financial demands on Town resources at this time.
- >While not yet committed, there is a possible grant of two hundred thousand dollars from the Commonwealth; other bills are pending in the state legislature to fund area wide celebration activities.
- >The Town received five million five hundred thousand dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act, and it appears five hundred thousand dollars of the fund will be allocated to the 250th Celebration Committee.
- >Several large fund raising activities are ongoing in the Town such as a fifty million dollar campaign for Emerson Hospital which is likely to impact fund raising for the 250th Celebration .
- >No plans have been made to hire a professional fundraiser.
- >There is a possibility that the Biden Administration will be seeking federal funding for Celebration activities but that is uncertain at this time.

Following Mr. Loughlin's presentation several SC members asked how to plan for events without having financial clarity. It was also noted care must be taken to avoid subcommittees competing for funding. Ms Clymer encouraged committee members to engage with each other in the

development of (a) events and (b) budgets, the latter of which will be adjusted as funding becomes available.

A suggestion was made that the AL&M SC should have a logo. No action was taken at this time.

Assistance in developing programs may be available from people who are looking for volunteer activities. A database for volunteers is being prepared. Currently members of the Communications and Publicity Committee are available to assist. It was noted that official stationary and invitations are not currently available.

Tammy Rose has agreed to be the AL&M SC point person to maintain a calendar for the SC events. As appropriate she will forward the information to the 250th Celebration Executive Committee. Tammy's contact is "transcendentalconcord@gmail.com."

Sandy Harper suggested there might be a path developed along the Mill Brook with notices posted along the path highlighting upcoming events.

Ms Clymer noted in connection with the statewide activities for the Celebration, the State urged all affected towns and their committees to focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. With reference to indigenous people, a Carlisle resident, Nancy Kuziemski, would be an excellent resource on such issues.

The Muskatequid Arts, which sponsors the Earth Day celebration, has been invited to join the AL&M SC.

On behalf of the Concord Women's Chorus , Jane Fisher suggested a song might be composed for Town residents to learn and be encouraged to sing at key Celebration events.

Sam Williams, in connection with the idea of a poetry slam, asked for clarification about the group(s) who might be involved, for example, high school and/or middle school students. He was directed to talk with Court Booth, the representative for activities involving the schools.

The date for the next meeting of the AL&M SC was set for Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Library. The meeting was closed at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted


C Thomas Swaim. Secretary

Approved May 3, 2023