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Memorial Day Parade Committee
Sub Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom & Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Joanne Eiler, R. David Lee, Richard Dvorin, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandra Brodeur

Absent: Pam Nichols, TFC Kyle Ambrose, Courtney Crofts

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:10pm
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve minutes of 2/23/23 and R. Dvorin seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on Parade**
 - **Route**
 - **Grand Marshall**
 - **Participants**

We want to focus more on the meaning of Memorial Day. L. Brodeur has secured the PA system from the Fairgrounds and as many wagons as we need from Allen Hill Tree Farm for the Veterans to ride on. We should advertise so we can recruit as many Veterans as possible and have some of them speak at the ceremony. R. Dvorin will extend an invitation to his coffee group. L. Brodeur will measure and order the banners for the wagons. American Legion #21 Color Guard has three bookings on the day of the parade so they cannot be available. We need to line up a Preacher or Minister to do the prayer. K. Ambrose has indicated to A. Tanner that he will have traffic under control. It was suggested that we could do letters to Veterans based on the tax list. We need volunteers, maybe firemen or young Marines, to seat the children on the bleachers, keep them organized, and then line them up for the parade (after a five-to-fifteen-minute break). The Veterans should march at the beginning of the parade. Sunshine Florist needs to be contacted to do the seven wreaths, include a two-sided wreath for the Lawton's Pond. Veterans should lay the wreaths. R. Lee will discuss this with the group at the Senior Center. He will also speak with D. Lee about recruiting the boy scouts. J. Voccio stated that C. Landis has a son and daughter in the scouts and he will reach out to him. P. Buell will select students to do speeches. It was noted that C. Croft is going to get the school band on board. AmVets will get the firing squad. A. Tanner will check his contacts from last year's parade to see about inviting senators, representatives, etc. S. Vogt is the Veterans' organizer, but she did not come to the meeting, so R. Dvorin will

contact her. S. Brodeur stated that Dale Werkhoven, who was on the list from last year, may be the Indian who he read an excellent poem on Veterans' Day about the Indians helping the Armies, and he played a wooden flute. S. Brodeur will investigate this. We need a grand Marshall, perhaps a business owner or a veteran, Vachon, Johnny's Pizza. R. Lee will check to see about getting the Coast Guard or Navy to lay a wreath at Lawton's Pond. We need to do a lot of advertising, so people know Family Fun Day will be on another day. A. Tanner will check on how many flags we have left from last year. The next meeting will be April 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

5. **Fairgrounds:** We have an agreement for \$100.00. Fire Department will do water, soda, coffee, cheese, and donuts for the marchers in the Better Living Building, and the bathrooms need to be open. L. Brodeur will check on getting the donuts from local shops and with Wal-Mart for paper plates, napkins, and coffee supplies. We got a wheel of cheese donated by a company in Mystic.

6. **Speakers:** We need PA system for the cemetery, and A. Tanner will investigate.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Adjourn:** J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by R. Dvorin; meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary