

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING
Monday, May 13, 2019 - 4:00pm
Freetown Town Hall

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In Attendance: Judy Gregory, Bob Gregory, John Remedis, Pat Wilbur, Ashley Emery, Karen Facchiano, Sharon Rosen, Bob Adams, Ellen Lima

Absent: Jean Fox, Linda Remedis

Minutes from the previous meeting on 4/29/19 read and approved.

Another reminder given for completing the mandated, on-line ethics training.

Update on P&F's financial status - looking good. Bob A took in \$720 for deposit to our account. Also, brief discussion was held on the two accounts the committee draws from, the account funded by town meeting (usually \$3,000) and the account funded by fundraisers.

By-Pass agreement is in the works. Ali was having it added to the BoS meeting for their approval and signing, before forwarding to Stop & Shop.

John picked up the mini-flags for the parade, courtesy of Bob Kleveka, Veterans Agent. The flags will be passed out by the Girl Scouts to parade spectators.

Bob A has ordered the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the parade.

Updated the sponsor list as far as names, amounts, etc. Have some new sponsors joining us this year. Deadline is Friday, May 17. Mike at Moonlight will work on the lay-out. The committee will need to review it for any changes before it's sent to Deb at End of Road Tees by Wednesday, May 22nd.

This year's t-shirt design contest was very successful, with 127 entries. The 2019 winner is Kennedy Vigers, a 3rd grader at FES. Also this year, honorable mentions and a \$10 prize were mailed to the "top" artist in each 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms.

Judy will run the coin drive at FES from May 21 through May 25.

Committee informed that we will no longer have access to charity boxes from Rhode Island Novelty. Too many abused the privilege. P&F is very grateful for the times they were so generous to us.

Monday, May 20th, the two Bobs will inventory the flags and bunting. Weather permitting that day, they will also decorate the bridge for Memorial Day.

Wednesday, May 29th, at 6:30pm - we will meet with the police and fire chiefs to review this year's 2-day event. At 7:00pm - we will meet with all organizations who will have booths at the fireworks. This is a mandatory meeting to review pricing, lay-out and parking.

Linda continues working on parade invitations.

Sunday, June 16 (from 11:00-4:00, rain or shine) will be the Strawberry Festival. P&F will have a booth selling t-shirts, town stickers, and town maps. Discussed the set-up of our pop-up and tables, as well as getting volunteers to "work".

Made headway on "lining up" the cars needed for the various "featured" folks, such as the Grand Marshal - Man of the Year - Woman of the Year - T-Shirt Logo Winner - 3rd Grade Essay Winners - who will ride in our parade.

Karen and Sharon will sell t-shirts at Junior's (like they did last year). Date tba.

Further discussion of judging location took place. Was voted to have a pop-up and banner placed in the driveway of Outdoor Living (contingent on Bob A receiving permission from them). Linda will notify all parade participants regarding the location of the judging stand.

Had a discussion about the distribution of candy in the parade.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - Clerk