

1814 **Board** Meeting - Hybrid Meeting  
ZOOM & In-Person

in the Second Floor Auditorium, Plattsburgh Public Library (PPL)  
19 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
5:00pm – 6:pm

**Board Members Present:**

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| Sharon Bell     | zoom      |
| Tom Donahue     | in person |
| Mark DuBrey     | in person |
| Russell Feher   | in person |
| Vicki Giroux    | zoom      |
| Wendy Gilchrist | in person |
| Tim Horn        | zoom      |
| Diane Kwarta    | in person |
| Judy Lefebvre   | in person |
| Nicole Martino  | zoom      |
| Chris Ransom    | in person |
| Mary Simmers    | zoom      |

**Board Members Not Present:**

Forrest Edwards  
Jim Guinness

**Guests Present:**

|                |           |
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| Billy Smith    | in person |
| Mr. Greg Smith | in person |

**Welcome**

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the Board of Directors of 1814 Inc. to order at 5:00pm and welcomed everyone.

**Agenda**

Tom asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda.

Motion:

Judy Lefebvre moved to approve the agenda.

Chris Ransom seconded.

There was no discussion.

All present approved the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tom stated that the minutes of:

- February 27, 2024

were distributed by email. Revisions were emailed back to the Secretary who revised the minutes and emailed the revised minutes to the Board. The Board reviewed the revised minutes. Tom stated that the revised minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Forrest was not present, so the Treasurer's report was not given.

### **Old Business**

#### **Social Services**

Tom reported that he was in contact with Christine Peters, Commissioner of Social Services, and we will be receiving \$5,000. soon.

#### **Grants**

Stewart' Holiday Grant of \$500. has been received and will be used towards the printing of the coloring books.

Stewarts – Linda M. Ward will be applying for another Stewart's grant. Tom says that he was advised that we should be asking for more. He is thinking \$15,000.???

McDonald's grant of \$1,000. has been received and will be used towards the printing of the coloring books.

Price Chopper, Golub grant – applied for \$15,000. Tom asked them to be underwriters. They are considering.

Clinton County Historical Association donated \$500. Which will be used towards the coloring books.

Adk Foundation Grant – applied for \$7,500. in Feb. We should hear the results in mid-April. Pomeroy-Linda will apply for it.

Billy Jones – Tom continues to follow up on this request. Judy Lefebvre said that the VFW was having similar challenges. Nicole Martino and Mark DuBrey have been attending the Chamber's After-Hours gatherings and they say Billy Jones is usually in attendance and they could ask him. Vicki Giroux said that she has contacts who might be helpful.

#### **Buttons, Magazine, Posters**

Tom Donahue said that NYSATA felt they needed to change the deadline to May 10 so we might be able to have buttons by mid to late June. Tom mentioned that he ordered 100 small buttons with our 2024 logo. Goal might be to have buttons and magazine ready by June 1.

#### **Website**

Tom Donahue and Bruce Carlin have been updating the website. We need a volunteer to look at the resources section and come up with a better way to categorize the resources, so they are easier to find.

### **New Business**

#### **Brochures**

Tom Donahue had trifold brochures printed. They could be distributed to:

Chamber---including rest stops.

CEF

Library – PPL

Mall – display near mural

Museums

Should be done **BEFORE APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>** when the solar eclipse happens.

### **Golf Tournament**

Forrest is organizing the golf tournament for May 10, 1pm, at the Barracks. He has 5 teams lined up already. We need gifts and sponsorships. We need gifts for gift basket or gifts to be raffled off. Need a sponsorship for each hole (18). \$100. to sponsor a hole. Need about 10 volunteers. Sam, Tom and PJ plan to be there and a cannon will be fired off.

### **Final Invasion Video**

The Final Invasion video is on the web site. We would like to have Bruce Carlin make more copies and we can sell them for \$10. apiece.

### **Magazine**

Mary Simmers is working on the magazine.

### Ancestors:

One area of interest is ancestors in the War of 1812.

Sharon Bell will check with Daughters of 1812 to see what information they have on ancestors connected to the War of 1812 in our area. Might provide materials for stories for the magazine.

Vicki Giroux suggested George Hubbell of Lake Champlain Pools as a contact for stories of the Hubbell and Julius Caesar Hubbell.

The Alice is another source.

Clinton County Historical Association (CCHA) is another source. Mark DuBrey thinks they might have a list of descendants.

War of 1812 Museum.

White Rooster – Tom Donahue will look for the email about the white rooster.

### Price

Tom Donahue will email Mary Simmers his information and she will check prices for various lengths of the magazine.

### Schedule

Include in the magazine a generic schedule and print the “final” schedule close to the event. Can be an insert. Could include recognitions.

### **Coins**

We have a few coins left. Could be given as “gifts” with books at Old Post Cemetery.

### Macomb Ball

Wendy Gilchrist reported that she is working on the Ball. The Ball will be outside under the tent. We can inquire about using the Ballroom in City Hall.

### Social Media

Nicole Martino is working on our Social Media. Please send photos, video clips and stories about 1814 BOP to Nicole Martino. Reenactors and reenactments are very popular. Nicole reports that it is going well.

### Old Post Cemetery

Judy Lefebvre has organized the Old Post Cemetery event for June 15 from 10am to 3pm. She will have 2 drawings for books. One is for adults and one for children. She will supply pennies for people to put on graves. Tom Donahue suggested including our 2023 memorial coin. There will be drawings at 3pm, but no ceremony this year.

### Events

We need to decide which events to participate in.

There seemed to be a feeling that the Farmers Market is worth participating in. We may try one Parks Alive event to see what we think. 4<sup>th</sup> of July seems a possibility. Chris Ransom will check for the application for Parks Alive. Chris has submitted the application for the Farmers Market. Tell Chris Ransom if you can volunteer.

### Events

#### Events with Dates

|                |                         |   |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| April 8        | Solar Eclipse           |   |
| April 20       | Green UP                |   |
| May 4          | Farmers Market Clean Up | beginning at 10am   |
| May 10         | Golf Tournament         |   |
| May 11         | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| May 18         | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| May 25         | Lake City Running       |   |
| June 1         | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| June 8         | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| <b>June 13</b> | <b>Parks Alive</b>      | <b>4:30pm-7:30pm</b> – This is a correction, June 13 is the correct date. |
| June 15        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| June 15        | Old Post Cemetery       | 10am-3pm  |
| June 22        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| June 29        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| July 4         | 4th of July             |   |
| July 6         | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| July 6         | Mayor's Cup             |   |
| July 11        | Parks Alive             | 4:30pm-7:30pm   |
| July 13        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| July 20        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |
| July 27        | Farmers Market          | 9am-2pm   |

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| Aug 3      | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Aug 8      | Parks Alive                                 | 4:30pm-7:30pm |
| Aug 10     | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Aug 17     | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Aug 24     | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Aug 31     | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Sept 7     | Farmers Market                              | 9am-2pm       |
| Sept 12-15 | BOP   |               |
| Oct 26     | Trick or Treat                              |               |
| Dec 7      | Miracle on Margaret Street & Holiday Parade |               |

### Events without Dates

Costume workshop

History Lectures

Saranac Parade

Dannemora Parade

School Living History Days (maybe May or June)

### **Honor Fight**

Kit Booth has agreed to work on.

### **Photo Booth**

Nicole Martino and Chris Ransom will compare notes on what they have been looking into.

### **Raffles**

Judy Lefebvre described the pros and cons of different types of raffles. It seems that the continuous 50-50 raffle was well received in 2023.

### **Constitution**

We have been looking into a free source for copies of the constitution to give away.

Possible Sources:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| DAR                    | Chris asked.     |
| SAR                    | Stan is asking.  |
| Bill Owens             |                  |
| US politicians         |                  |
| League of Women Voters | Stan is asking.  |
| McSweeney's            | Nicole may ask?? |

### **City Liaison**

Courtney Meisenheimer is our current City Liaison. Rebecca Pineo will be transitioning into that role.

### **Tents**

Diane Kwarta said that Fosters needs to be contacted in the FALL for donations.

**Adjournment of the meeting of the 1814 Board**

Diane Kwarta moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at **5:39pm**

Sharon Bell seconded.

No further discussion.

All Board members present voted to adjourn.

**Meetings**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month).

Meetings will be changing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, possibly in May.

**The next meeting(s):**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 23, 2024**.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Ransom, Secretary, 1814 Commemoration Inc.

*Draft emailed to 1814 Commemoration Inc. Board.*

*April 1, 2024 all revisions made & minutes emailed to 1814 Commemoration Inc. Board & Committee.*

*Recorded as approved at the Meeting of the Board on April 23, 2024*

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