

Battle of Plattsburgh (BOP) Committee
Meeting
Held in the Community Meeting Room
Government Center
147 Margaret Street
Plattsburgh, NY 129021

Thursday, August 5, 2021
4:03 pm- 5:15pm

Board Members Present:

Tom Donahue
Vicki Giroux
Jim Guinness
Tim Horn
Chris Ransom
Mary Simmers
Linda Masterson Ward

Board Members Not Present:

Forrest Edwards
Richard Frost
Wendy Gilchrist
Judy Lefebvre
Charles Loscalzo
PJ Miller
Emily Moosmann
Lana Putnam
Samantha Williams

Committee Members Present:

Bruce Moore
Stan Ransom

Committee Members Not Present:

Geri Favreau
Keith Herkalo
Diane Kwarta
Kris Portal
Vince Puliafico
Mark Sand

Advisors Not Present:

Kit Booth
Bruce Carlin
Craig Russell

Gary VanCour

Welcome and Agenda

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the Battle of Plattsburgh to order at 4:03 pm and welcomed everyone. He mentioned that the final commemoration schedule was sent out this week.

Budget

Tom mentioned our financial situation. There is a crucial need for everyone to help contact potential sponsors. We need to raise at least \$5,000. more before Sept 9 to get the matching grant moneys we need. We also need an additional \$15,000. to carry us over into 2022.

Run

Mary Simmers reported on the run. Mary will connect Courtney Meisenheimer and Steve Peters. Vicki Giroux will reach out to Steve Peters. Vicki and Mary feel the revised route will work well. Vicki suggested closing Saily Avenue a little earlier.

Firetruck Pull

Mary Simmer is also working on the Firetruck Pull.

Rotary

Tom has been conversation with Ellen Bouchard and Nicole Laurin from Noon Rotary and one time change on the schedule met their needs. They have now appointed Ed Kirby to be the liaison for Rotary with 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh – Bed Races. Bob Park2 is working on the Parade.

Parade

Vicki Giroux reported on the parade. The Grand Marshall will be the staff of the Chamber. Gary Douglass will probably be out of town during the Commemoration. Kristy is working on authentic transportation for the Chamber of Commerce team. Vicki said that Kit Booth is working with Norwich Band. Bud Smith and Rick Hazen are working on the parade with Vicki. They have approval to use the Elks' parking lot for staging with proof of the committee's certificate of insurance. Courtney Meisenheimer is working on a "sensory zone" for the parade. Bill McColgan from PBS and his wife will work with songs coordinated with the Beat Retreat.

Betty Little Park

The Betty Little Park will be dedicated on Saturday, September 11.

Barbershoppers

Jim Guinness says the Barber shoppers are ready for the Riverside Cemetery.

History Talks

Bruce Moore says that he is ready for the history talks at Trinity Church on Friday night.

Hospitality Tent

There will be a hospitality tent and water will be provided. City Hall will also be open.

Apples

We might ask Forrence Orchards for apples for the hospitality tent.

La Quinta

La Quinta is still holding a block of rooms at \$68. per room for us but they can only hold a couple more weeks.

Recognition

We always include a recognition of those who have contributed to the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemorations.

Fund Raising

There is a crucial need for everyone to help contact potential sponsors.

Buster's

There will be a fund raiser at Buster's on Wednesday, August 25 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Help is needed for the fundraiser including obtaining raffle items. Tom thinks that we may be able to have Walmart and Sam's donate some raffle items. Plan to attend the fundraiser in period dress if possible.

Quilt

The quilt fund raiser/raffle will continue past the Commemoration. The drawing will be on Veterans' Day. A raffle ticket will cost \$5.

Bear Tracks

Bear Tracks is working on music for veterans.

Publicity

There will be a Press Conference on Tuesday, August 24. Posters have been printed and will need to be distributed. McKenzie Delisle is working on our social media. McKenzie sent out a questionnaire to the 1814 BOP group asking for information she can use.

Program & Map

Linda and Tom showed the program and map which Pennysaver produced. The Farrells are sponsoring the back of the map with a \$1,250. donation. The back of the map will recognize veterans from all wars.

Buttons

Buttons will be sold for \$10. which will include the program with map. Tim Horn will deliver buttons. We have 700 buttons but can order more if needed. The program alone will be \$3.

Volunteers

Tim Horn and Diane Kwarta are working on volunteer assistance. Please let them know your needs.

Tents

Linda has been working with Fosters, Taylors, and Tents of Champlain. Tents are in short supply. Pop up tents would be welcome if anyone has any.

Porta Potties

Porta Potties are in short supply. We have contracted for 3 so far.

Thursday Kick Off at Valcour Brewing – Kids’ Games

Saranac Lake Central School plans to send about 150 students to the events in the afternoon. Peru has not let us know yet.

Meetings

The Community Meeting Room is available for our meeting every Thursday through the end of August.

The next meeting would be Thursday, **August 12 at 4pm** in the Community Meeting Room of the Government Center.

Meetings will be **weekly**. Please mark your calendars for August 12, 19, 26 and September 2.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, Secretary

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