

Battle of Plattsburgh (BOP) Committee
Meeting

Held in the Meeting Room on the Second Floor of the Old Clinton County Court House
Margaret Street
Plattsburgh, NY 129021

Friday, September 3, 2021
3:34 pm- 4:40 pm

Board Members Present:

Tom Donahue
Vicki Giroux
Jim Guinness
Tim Horn
Judy Lefebvre
Lana Putnam
Chris Ransom
Mary Simmers
Linda Masterson Ward

Board Members Not Present:

Forrest Edwards
Richard Frost
Wendy Gilchrist
Charles Loscalzo
PJ Miller
Emily Moosmann
Samantha Williams

Committee Members Present:

Diane Kwarta
Bruce Moore
Stan Ransom

Committee Members Not Present:

Geri Favreau
Keith Herkalo
Shirley Kilkeary
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.

Macdonough Monument

We can offer tours of the monument. Participants must wear masks and we must monitor number in the monument at any time.

City Hall Anchor Room

We can offer tours of the Anchor Room as with the monument, participants must wear masks and we must monitor number in the monument at one time.

Publicity

Tom provided a list of places to contact to explain the events being planned especially the kickoff at Valcour Brewing Company. We are publicizing the Valcour event as a community event. Emily Moosmann sent out another press release today. Bear Tracks will be performing on PBS this weekend and will advertise the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. Tom said Channel 5 promises to promote. Mary Simmers will contact the public library, YMCA including Y Wee Care and Bright Beginnings. Chris and Stan will contact Lake Forest, Pine Harbor, ARC, Vilas Home, Victory Place on Court Street and Long Apartments.

Interviews: Some are scheduled for this Monday. Lana will follow up with WIRY.

Macomb Ball

The City Mayor said that we cannot have the Macomb Ball in the City Hall rotunda due to increasing cases of COVID. Clinton County Public Health is recommending avoidance of large gatherings. Tom provided a list of ideas where we might hold the "Ball". After much discussion it was felt that we needed Wendy to help make the decision. Wendy will be back Monday evening. Kit Booth let us know that Mike Farrell offered to pay for a tent for the "Ball". If we use the tent in Trinity Park, maybe he would pay for a dance floor? Maybe instead of a dance, a demonstration might work?

Transportation

Thursday morning, September 9 chairs will be moved and put in place. Sandra Geddes and Bevin volunteered a truck and help. Tom will contact them. Mary's brother has a truck we can use, and Vicki may have a truck we can use. Valcour has tables, chairs, and lights. Tom will check on the lights. The 30' by 40' tent might be put up at Valcour about 1pm on Wednesday. Vicki mentioned that she had successfully used fold open LED lights to light a tent recently. They are about \$20. each at Sam's. Vicki has one we could borrow, and Mary may also have one or more we could borrow. They can be hung with a zip lock.

Parade

Vicki said the parade preparations are in place. There will be 50 units.

Costumes

If anyone needs costumes, please contact Linda Ward.

History Talks and Trinity Church

All the history talks will now be held in Trinity Church. Bruce reported that the church is ready. Participants must wear masks. Chris showed him a poster that says: Masks Required. Bruce felt that would work. Chris will give Rich masks, sanitizers, and posters. We need to make a sign apologizing for the elevator not working.

Tavern at Valcour

Lana plans decorating the “Tavern” at Valcour on Wednesday. Linda said the tent might be put up at Valcour on Wednesday at 1pm. Linda has the roosters, tablecloths, lanterns, etc.

Court House Bell

We discussed when to ring the bell. We may toll the bell 13 times before the parade begins. 13 to honor the 13 who died in Afghanistan. Josh Kretzner will give a short history of the bell before it is tolled.

Volunteers

Tom asked Tim and Diane to find volunteers to sell raffle tickets and buttons.

Veterans, Military and First Responders

Linda reported that we will be honoring all veterans, military and first responders on Friday night. Tom’s quote: “Those Who Serve and Those Who Save”.

Posters

Linda reported that the posters, but not the banners, are ready.

Tents

Tents are usually set up the day before. Riverside tent might be set up on Wed.

Phones/Walkie Talkies

Vicki said that in the past Motorola helped with phones.

Betty Little Park

Courtney will arrange someone to drive Betty Little from the park to the parade viewing stand.

Raffles

Ongoing raffles are quilt, TV, and bikes. Another 50/50 raffle is planned. Tom asked everyone to pick up TV raffle tickets to sell.

Home for BOP

There was a discussion of the need for a physical home for 1814 Commemoration Inc.

The next meeting(s):**When:**

- Tuesday is being considered.

Where:

- Government Center –downstairs meeting room.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, Secretary

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