

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough of Newtown Bicentennial Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Mary Hawley Room at the Edmond Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jessica Ragusa, Maureen Crick Owen, Betsy Kenyon, Stephanie Gaston, Kathy Gardner.

Absent: Sarah Phillips and Daina Smith.

Ms. Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Gardner and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Crick Owen gave an update as to the event being held on May 16th at MaryGold's. The space we have will hold a maximum of 150 people. Mrs. Crick Owen conveyed that Mrs. Phillips has been speaking to Newtown Women's Club about the 2024 Christmas ornament and using our logo as their ornament.

Website/Social Media: Mrs. Ragusa said that the website is almost about to go live and the address of same is newtownborough200.org. Mrs. Smith has been working on the Instagram page and that can be found at [@newtownborough200](https://www.instagram.com/newtownborough200).

Fundraising/Sponsorship/Banking: The bank account has been opened. Mrs. Crick Owen shared the proposed sponsorship levels. It was agreed that these need to be mailed sooner than later.

MaryGold's Update: The contract has been signed and the deposit paid.

New Business:

- (a) The proposed budget was shared with the members.
- (b) Discussion took place about designing a postcard to mail to Borough residents to let them know about the Bicentennial celebration. It was agreed that the postcards need to be mailed by early to mid-March.
- (c) Discussion took place regarding have a few local artists display work at MaryGold's for the event.
- (e) Discussion took place about the two people that will be honored and the guest speaker.
- (f) Flowers will be on the tables for the event and the group will handle taking care of this.
- (g) A program to be passed out at the event will be designed.

Old Business: None.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at MaryGold's to view the space.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Crick Owen
Burgess