

Meeting Minutes America 250 Committee 1st meeting

June 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Next Meeting - Monday July 21 @6:30 PM

Committee Attendees: Kristin Warner (Supervisor), Joyce Snyder (Supervisor), Carter Lebrocq (Veterans), Michon Blake (OSPAC) Katie Cleary (Events), Nancy Becker (PC)

Absent: Francine Gausch (Citizen)

Additional: Michael Lewis & Stacy Spizziri (Veterans)

1. It was mutually agreed that our meetings will be 3rd Monday of month at 6:30 pm
2. The committee agreed it would be helpful to coordinate plans with Molly Jobson (Director of Morgan Log House) and to include her and possibly Brian Hagey as history consultants/liaisons
3. The group chose **Thursday June 25, 2026** as a possible **date 5-9 or 10 PM** w/rain-date of 6/26/26
4. Each Member then shared their ideas:
5. Kristin suggested that there be a celebration at Fischer's Park, with lighted displays, and perhaps music to be added.
6. All brainstormed the proposed event to include:
 - a. Philly Pops style music (ask NP Bands – Nancy mentioned Redhill band, also suggested was Montgomery County orchestra since NP will be done for the year)
 - b. Food trucks (Katie will reach out to her contacts for hamburgers & hot dogs, barbecue and ice cream)
 1. Nancy also suggested the Pepper Pot Stew served at the Morgan Log House night 2 years ago
 - c. scouts to do fire pits with smores
 - d. colonial toys (wagon rim w/ stick, wooden stilts) in the meadow
 - e. maybe tables or stands featuring quilters and other colonial crafts (ie cornhusk dolls, clay marbles and possibly candle making)
 - f. a lighting of the park countdown (mostly white lights with red and blue accents- maybe a lit USA or Flag) towards the end of the evening (since dark later). Kristin suggested that the park could stay on a timer that lights each night for at least a couple of weeks, possibly the month of July.
 - g. Stacy proposed having colonial- characters in attendance in Revolutionary and Civil war garb. Specifically, she'll attempt to secure a George and Martha Washington for the event. Carter suggested a General Nash.
 - h. Carter would like a display of the various flags along with their histories somewhere in the township. Kristin recommended putting them along the lower meadow loop at Fisher's

- i. Stacy explained the use of temporary vs permanent QR codes. Katie said Towamencin's QR may be an option to add historical facts to the flag and other displays.
- 7. Stacy will also reach out to Brian Hagey for historical input and his possible involvement in creating / conducting a tour of local significant sites. Katie will research costs for tour buses and recommended starting from the Firehouse or Nash Elementary to alleviate parking capacity concerns. Stacy would also like to have a Canon. Nancy mentioned a former incomplete Eagle scout project that resulted in the Township purchasing the Canon. Joyce emailed Dave K to ask if known by any staff. Joe Silverman and Chuck Wilson may know of the current whereabouts.
- 8. Joyce would like to engage the three NPSD elementary schools located in Towamencin in a "Create a Township Flag" competition. The committee agreed that if pursued it would be fun to have a community vote to create the Top 3-5 with final recommendation coming from the committee. If completed in time the chosen flag creator could lead a small procession at the 250th Township Kickoff party at Fisher's. She'd definitely want a T must do by Towa's 300th in 2028. Joyce requested that this committee continue on for that later event as well.
- 9. Other ideas shared:
 - a. Having copies of the Historical sites map available through the year for self tours
 - b. A listing of war heroes and other historical figures buried in Towamencin Cemeteries.
 - c. A man on stilts as entertainment and greeter
 - d. Pony rides or some type of horse entertainment
 - e. Carter requested some highlight on the Village Area bridge across from Forty Foot (ie a patriotic flag or banner hung across the bridge on either side) maybe with the Fisher's park Party date)
- 10. **Budget**: Joyce explained that a specific funding amount is unknown at this time. The committee should research the cost of the proposed ideas ASAP to know budget needs for the board to review during the Fall budget process. She offered to knock on the doors of local businesses for donations. Kristin will assist her efforts.
- 11. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM. These minutes respectfully submitted by Kristin Warner