

Meeting Minutes America 250 Committee 3rd meeting

August 18, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Next Meeting - Monday September 16th, @6:30 PM

1. **Committee Attendees:** Kristin Warner (Supervisor), Joyce Snyder (Supervisor), Michon Blake (OSPAC), and Nancy Becker (PC) Michael Lewis (Veterans)

Absent: Katie Cleary (Events), Molly Jobson (Morgan Log House Director)

Additional: Tiffanie Stanton (applicant / resident)

Guests: Susan Dragon (resident), Carol Eyet (resident) and Barb Shanley (local historian)

2. Review of ideas:

A) Music

1. Katie responded by email that the **Montco Band** is available to perform from 7-9 PM at a cost of **\$1000.00**. She indicated that they already entertain for no charge at our Towamencin Day as a service to our community
2. Nancy will reach out to the Redhill band (if still in practice) to see if they have an interest. In the past they have performed at events for no charge. **(Per email from Nancy 9/15 the band is available for 6/25 – she asked what time we would want them to perform and will provide more information at the 9/16 meeting).**
3. Katie was emailed– Can she reach out to any school contacts to see if their choir or bands had an interest in performing prior to Montco Band maybe a couple lined up to **play music 5-7PM**, which may also work to get those kids and their families to the event. I will gladly make phone calls to the schools but if she already has a contact from the Holiday program appreciated her taking the lead.

B) DAR and SAR (Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution) - **Participation:**

1. Victor emailed the following:

“I have no changes to the minutes as pertains to our attendance and marker discussion.”

“I did touch base with my SAR contact, Mr Brooks Lyles. He is now National Treasurer of the SAR. He indicates that his organization would very much like to participate in the Towamencin 250

Celebration on June 25, 2026. The SAR would discuss making arrangements for a color guard which will likely be combined NC/PA members and a musket squad would be from PA.”

“Mr. Lyles said all will depend on competing requirements and travel but will start process to line up. He did request an invite from your Committee to attend and participate to get started his people.”

“You can send the invite to me and I will forward to Mr Lyles of the SAR. Thanks!! Vic
R involvement both Victor and Brian would like to participate in our event. All at the meeting agreed that sharing their story and presenting a synopsis of the incredible events they uncovered with the night’s attendees would spread knowledge and excitement for this momentous history. Sharing the story will boost attendance at the marker placement and at the very least awareness of this history.

2. Tiffanie reached out to Emma Hodgson who is in the DAR her response below:

“Thanks for your email. I read the minutes. As a side note, I’m the president of the Board of Directors of the Morgan Log House. Molly did mention that she had a meeting about this. She is a fabulous executive director for the Log House. She has lots of great ideas.”

The Towamencin Daughters of the American Revolution does a lot of proclamation events. We do Constitution Day every year in September at the courthouse in Norristown. This year, on September 6, we are unveiling a sign dedicated to Jacob Reid in Hatfield. We also have connections to the Sons of the American Revolution.

I put the meeting date in my calendar. I look forward to seeing you then.”

C) Entertainment:

1. Joyce spoke with Molly who has communicated with a Martha and George possibility. Price unknown and participation not yet confirmed.
 2. Michon has spoken to her **Uncle Sam Stilt Walker \$550 cost**. He does Ribbons & juggling. It was also discussed asking if he’d give time for photo opportunities with attendees.
 3. Michael was asked to reach out to Boy Scout troop 51 to participate similar to our Holiday event with bonfires, toasting marshmallows and some sort of beverage offer. (suggesting plain water and mint water – Kristin could steep and donate the latter)
 4. Tiffanie suggested we create a Story Walk referencing one she’s seen at Alderfer Park in Harleysville donated or created (not sure which) by Indian Valley Park
 5. Barb Shanley – (resident guest) floated the idea of creating a fun history fact treasure hunt for kids to answer a history question and find a prize) Kristin and Joyce will invite her and the other guests to the next meeting.
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4. Formerly presented game ideas were briefly bantered about (see meeting 2 notes) Definite choices should be made in the Fall meetings so that collection lists of necessary items can be circulated with time to gather sufficient supplies.

D Decorations:

1. Kristin shared fourth of July themed lighting ideas that could be sourced via Amazon. Subsequently she met with David Hillmantel at Fisher's park to discuss potential light options *(see addendum for details of Dave H's cost quotes)
2. Michon suggested including some cloth buntings to add daytime décor and color. *(Dave was asked and responded in the addendum)

E) Bussing: see attached quote from Katie is attached to the email

F) Budget Request: Eric Reinbott (Township Finance Director) has our **budget presentation** slated for the **October 15** workshop which begins at **6:30 PM**. Our regular meeting will be the following Monday 10/20. Therefore, we should plan to vote for our budget request items at the 9/16 meeting

- **Addendum:** regarding lighting – email from Public Works Dir, Dave Hilmantel

Kristin,

In addition to the original proposal of the lights on 15 trees in the front of Fischer's Park with new wire and bulbs at the cost of \$9280.00 I have added the lighting of all pavilions and bridge over creek near the dam with new Red ,White and Blue bulbs with the addition of 3500 additional bulbs to be exchanged with existing lights that are still up on all pavilions, bridge and front fence at Bustard Road at a cost of $3500 \times 1.16 = \$3851.20$ making the total just in ne lights at \$13,101.20. I would also like to add red, white, and blue floodlights like we do in winter on the birch trees in the parking lot.at a cost of \$500.00.

I think that the bunting and other festive banners would be great on the bathrooms or Arneth Entertainment Center for a festive daytime feeling. I have added Events to this chain as Katie may have a supplier to purchase these requested items.

I feel that a good budget number just for the lighting of the trees and pavilions for the 250 events would be around \$15,000.00 for price increases over the next year.

David Hillmantel

PS. In my discussion with Dave H he made the following points:

1. Although more expensive than what could be sourced via Amazon using the same lighting style and costars source utilized for our holiday lighting has the following benefits:
 - a) Proven durability and longevity
 - b) Even red and blue bulbs will be reusable for subsequent holiday lighting

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Warner (Supervisor)

Next meeting: **Tuesday September 16th (6:30 PM)** - Please recall that we had a conflict with an OSPAC meeting scheduled on September 15th.