250th/Semiquincentennial Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 @7:00pm
Community Room, Town Hall

Welcome & Introductions

Updates

Marketing
- Need to assemble calendar and promote events this month

Fundraising
- Received $25,000 in sponsorships/donations
- Danielle to send out follow up sponsorship letter/form to businesses and organizations
- Need volunteers to go *door-to-door* to drop off sponsorship postcards to businesses
- Still awaiting on check/sponsorship from St. Clares and Springpoint

Denville Days

Logistics
- Danielle reached out to Interstate Fireworks and confirmed tent is 350' away from fireworks; they asked for insurance
- Vicki to work with Nick Panetta for placement of port-a-johns
- Vicki asked for volunteer coordinator and decorations coordinator

Attractions/Activities
- Car show with Throttle Racing confirmed for Friday on field 1
- Gene to follow up with Pink Witches for 5K
- Denville Arts Council to host arts/craft show with local kids
- Hot air balloon "walkabout" Sunday afternoon and/or full tether during fireworks; will sell tickets and raffle tickets; post video on website explaining tether ride

Food
- Doug Gabel confirmed Kiwanis pancake breakfast; need volunteers to sign up
- Vicki confirmed Church of Saviour for community dinner
- Lia Bella (Joey Bella) to host dinner and beer garden under the tent on Friday night
- Brigitte Carucci is the contact for other food vendors

Big Tent Displays
- Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) to host displays at the library

Music
- Vicki reserved bands (Yacht, cover band, etc.); in need of local band
- GUP confirmed availability to emcee all 3 days

Kids Activities (SQC Providing)
- SQC providing ride on cars, fire hydrant, trackless train and mini golf

Community Led Activities

- Denville Ed Foundation hosting cornhole
- Library and Nick Panetta have an inflatable movie screen, if needed
- Nick Panetta/Recreation will host 3-4 events on 7/4 weekend
- Wagon parade?

Community Outreach

- Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) to host displays at the library
- Denville Historical Society to host displays around town
- Doug Gabel reached out to 61 organizations including Girl Scouts and 20 said yes to participate
- Doug Gabel contacted a reenactment group; also suggested morriscounty250.org to list our events

All Year Activities

- Vicki confirmed Tavern Talks with Diamond Spring Brewery
- Vicki proposed a commemorative 250th mural for residents to decorate and assemble and ultimately display at Gardner Field or Town Hall upon completion
- Siobhan confirmed historical programs at library
- Denville Historical Society to host displays around town

Open Discussion & New Ideas