

July 4th Parade Float Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015

The meeting was brought to order at approximately 10:15 am. In attendance were Pat and Frank Weisgerber, George Junkin, Peter Bogetti, Kent Stephan, Donna Farrow, Sue Callaway, Beryl Long, and Kathy Jankowski.

There was much lively discussion as everyone is excited about constructing the float and the upcoming event.

Don Chrobot retrieved the box from the attic, which contained "left over" items from last year. It contained 4 buntings, several whirly plastic flowers, streamers, sheets of crepe paper, florist wire for the flowers, and several other red, white, and blue small items that we can use on the float.

We reviewed a picture of the float from last year to see what other items we could re-use. We have 2 Uncle Sam laminated posters that say "South Bethany Wants You." Pam Smith had saved images on her computer of the armed services pennants that Diann Nazarian had gotten last year. The tower and postcards will also be reused.

So, following the agenda, we developed a list of items still needed for the float:

1. **Flowers**--Beryl Long and Pat Weisgerber agreed to take the lead. Beryl will contact Lori Cicero to find out how much additional crepe paper we will need for the flowers and also where to order more florist wire. The initial flower making meeting will be held on June 17 at 9 am at the Town Hall. Kathy will provide coffee, water, and goodies. June 22 will be a follow up meeting to complete this task if necessary. Final flower "fluffing" will be done on July 2. Please recruit flower makers!
2. **Cannon & "Liberty Ring"**-Todd Stevenson is out of town. Frank will get an update from Todd and share with us.
 - a. Cannon—Ask Todd if we could get Styrofoam balls with strings attached and have them fired from the cannon. Or can we fire confetti.
 - b. "Liberty Ring"—Can this be made to look like a "life saving ring?" It was decided to get letters for the ring that say "Let Freedom Ring in South Bethany." Todd and Frank will need to determine how big the

letters should be and if we will stencil them or purchase "stick on" letters. The letters should appear on both sides of the ring.

3. **Railings**—Railings will be constructed, much like a beach walkway, to provide stability for those riding on the float.
4. **Bell**—George brought the bell to the meeting so we could see the size and hear the ring. We decided we would like to have the bell in the middle of the ring if possible. Todd, Frank, and Don will have to let us know if that will work.
5. **Armed Services Pendants**—Kathy will work with Pam on getting these printed, laminated, and mounted on poster board or some other heavy material.
6. **Candy**—Sue Callaway is in charge of getting the candy to be distributed from the float in Bethany and in South Bethany.
7. **Sound System**—Peter Bogetti has done a great job in checking this out and getting the sound system from the Town. He, Frank, and George discussed how this will be mounted and will coordinate with Todd and Don.
8. **Music**—Eric Tsavdar, the music teacher from Selbyville Middle School, is composing our music and song. He hopes to have a first version by the beginning of June so that we will have plenty of time to practice. We decided to record the song and several other songs to play on the float. We will lip sync the South Bethany song as the float proceeds through Bethany and South Bethany. Other songs—Pat Weisgerber will get the song "Let Freedom Ring" to Peter. Bobbe Stephan and Kathy Jankowski will also pick some other songs to be played. If you have any suggestions, please email them to Kathy Jankowski, kathyj310@yahoo.com.
9. **Waves**—Save your cardboard and give it to Kent Stephan. Kent will be making waves, like those last year, for the front of the float bed.
10. **New Item**—Kent Stephan suggested we have several "freedoms" associated with South Bethany. Beryl Long suggested we use a large "tent card" in the back of the truck with these listed. After much discussion, we decided to try to make a "scroll" on a single sheet of plywood, both sides. This would read something like: "We, the People of South Bethany, are free to:" Kent will create the list of freedoms. Beryl, Kent, Sue, Donna, and Kathy will work on this further.
11. **Riders**—
 - a. Betsy Ross—Carol Stevenson
 - b. Ben Franklin—Peter Bogetti
 - c. Abe Lincoln—Gene Hendrix

- d. Uncle Sam—George Junkin
 - e. Molly Pitcher—Pat Weisgerber
 - f. Rosie Riveter—Sue Callaway
 - g. Statue of Liberty—Kathy Jankowski
12. **SB Parade Route**—Kathy will work with Don on route. We estimate the float will be on Ocean Drive about 1:30 pm. The route will be printed on the “fun map” and sent out via a news update.
13. **Advertising**—Kathy will work with the graphic designer to design a flyer. Kathy will also notify Laura Walter at Coastal Point about an article.

It was determined that construction can begin immediately on the float cannon, ring, etc. because the flatbed trailer is available and can be stored in the garage.

The next actual meeting for the committee is June 17 at 9 am at the Town Hall. As we get closer and we see how things are progressing, an agenda will be posted.

Thank you everyone!!!!

Kathy Jankowski, Chair
SB Communications and Public Relations (CPR) Committee