

Arlington Uncle Sam Committee Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2014, Town Hall, second floor conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Chair Laurie McKinney

Members Present:

Laurie McKinney, Chair
Zarina Memon, Secretary
Andrew O'Brien

Previous Meeting:

Approved previous meeting minutes held January 27, 2014 at noon on the Second floor of Town Hall

- Motion from Laurie McKinney to submit three articles for funds (\$500 each) appropriation at Arlington Town Meetings: restore Uncle Sam historic site signage as voted on by 2012 Town Meeting, restore "Birthplace of Uncle Sam" on all applicable town stationary and purchase appropriate number of string lights to illuminate the Uncle Sam Plaza for seasonal decorations.
- Have ZGM be the administrator on the Facebook page of Uncle Sam. Done

Present Meeting:

Review of Finances:

- Acknowledge the approval and appropriation of \$1000 by Finance Committee to our committee
- Presently we have approximately \$1,200 to 1,300 in reserve.
- LMK is owed \$175 for previous costs of procuring buttons to honor Uncle Sam for US day.
- Funds needed to make brochures.

2014 Report to Town Meeting:

- Present for 7 minutes
- Last year events: unveiling of new Uncle Sam Plaza Sign, lights to be installed, pictures taken on Town Day unveiling, new tourist building on Plaza

Articles to be presented at Town Meeting:

- Motion to amend Article 41 of 2014 Town Meeting Warrants- remove the \$500 request because of the already dispersed funds by Fincom.

- However still present the Article to continue to honor the Article 52 passed on May 16, 2012. It voted to have changes made to the Uncle Sam historic site to be done only with the approval of Uncle Sam committee.
- Article 42 of 2014 TM – press for Uncle Sam to be branded as town logo especially to town vehicles such as the fire trucks. Presently a flaming head used as town logo.
- Article 43 of 2014 TM – have \$500 for holiday and special occasion illumination funds to honor the Uncle Sam Plaza.

Patriots Day Events:

- Nothing planned this year. However, we plan to invite the daughter of the man who designed our Uncle Sam Memorial Statue in 1976, Theodore Barbarossa, to join our meetings and possibly join us in the parade. Presently, she is involved in synchronized library cart portion of the Arlington Patriot Day parade.
- Next year (2015) – plan on having an Uncle Sam impersonator in parade
- Two years from now (2016) – plan on having Uncle Sam costume contest – to encourage more identification and support of our native son.

Next meeting scheduled Tuesday April 15, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.