



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Glencoe Village Hall
675 Village Court, Finance Conference Room
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 4 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Sesquicentennial Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ettelson at 4:10 p.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2019 in the Village Hall Conference Room.

The following were present:

Karen Ettelson, Chairperson

The following were also present:

Jennifer Faulk

Alex Kaplan

Ed Goodale

Philip Kiraly, Village Manager

Megan Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager

The following were absent:

Lawrence Levin, Village President

Gail Lissner, Village Trustee

Peter Van Vechten

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Goodale proposed two corrections to the March 5, 2019 minutes. With those amendments, Ms. Faulk moved, seconded by Mr. Goodale, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 Sesquicentennial Planning Committee. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Before moving into agenda items, the committee discussed the upcoming Tri-Club Challenge Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 12. Village Manager Kiraly explained that the tournament will be open to a total of 88 players, with 32 of those spots reserved for Skokie and Lake Shore country clubs. The cost to participate will be \$250 per player, with \$25 of that fee going to the Friends of the Glencoe Golf Club. Participants will play 9 holes at each course, starting at Lakeshore Country

Club, then the Glencoe Golf Club and then Skokie Country Club. There will be on-course competitions and prizes. Registration is planned to open in mid-April.

5. **EVENT RECAPS**

a. I Love This Town: A Musical Salute to Glencoe

The committee began discussion of the March 18 *I Love This Town: A Musical Salute to Glencoe* by recapping feedback received, which the committee agreed was overwhelmingly positive. Writer Doug Frew's lyrics were well reviewed, as were the performances and receptions overall. Village Manager Kiraly shared that he has heard individuals lamenting that they did not attend and others commented that more performances would be welcome. He also noted that Writers Theatre enjoyed the partnership and appreciated the opportunity to draw in Glencoe residents who might not otherwise attend shows at the theatre.

Ms. Ettelson reported that in addition to the first performance selling out, 80 tickets were sold to the second performance, which was also attended by multiple first performance ticket-holders who stayed to enjoy the show twice. Relating to the private donations, Ms. Ettelson explained that the Glencoe Historical Society has received all but \$5,500 of the \$28,600 that was pledged by individuals, and that donation acknowledgement letters for tax deductions, as well as thank you letters and copies of the programs were mailed. Total expenses from Writers Theatre are forthcoming.

The committee then discussed ways of incorporating aspects of the show into the Sesquicentennial Gala. Ms. Faulk recommended that a presentation be created for the Gala to recap all the events and activities that take place throughout the year.

b. Village Hall Birthday Party and Flag Raising Ceremony

Ms. Meyer reported that while many residents were out of town for spring break during the Village's official anniversary of incorporation on March 29, the Village managed to pass out nearly 250 free cupcakes throughout the day. Additionally, the Village welcomed multiple State and local elected officials, community organization representatives and other friends of Glencoe to the Flag Raising Ceremony. Those who attended reported enjoying the newspaper clippings and sample minutes that were brought down from the Village's archives and displayed as part of the open house, alongside the time capsule from the 125th anniversary that was exhumed earlier that week.

Ms. Meyer also reported that the #Countdownto150 social media campaign, which featured a 10-day countdown to March 29 with each day highlighting a different member of the Glencoe Company, generated excitement.

6. **OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATES**

a. Glencoe Generations

Ms. Ettelson shared a preview of the Glencoe Generations panel discussion that will take place on April 7 at the Glencoe Public Library. Four panelists have been confirmed with lineage ranging from four to five generations of relatives living in Glencoe. One additional individual is being sought to highlight the religious diversity of the community.

b. We Care for Our World Service Day

The committee then discussed ways to help promote the *We Care for Our World Service Day* being hosted by District 35 on April 25. The day is one way in which District 35 is encouraging its students and families to volunteer 150 minutes of service in recognition of the sesquicentennial.

c. Family Scavenger Hunt

Ms. Ettleson reported that the Woman's Library Club is working with Glencoe Youth Services on the upcoming Family Scavenger Hunt, which is scheduled for May 5.

d. Great Women of the North Shore

Ms. Ettleson also reported that the Woman's Library Club is working with Writers Theatre on the panel discussion about the accomplishments of influential North Shore women. Again, the committee discussed how to help promote the event, which is scheduled for May 6.

e. GHS Sesquicentennial Exhibit

Ms. Ettleson and Mr. Goodale reported that the GHS Sesquicentennial Exhibit is moving forward. GHS is considering constructing a small replica of the old Glencoe Theatre façade/marquee and of the Taylorsport Lighthouse as part of the exhibit. GHS hopes to open the exhibit by mid-June.

f. Sesquicentennial Portrait Project

Ms. Meyer reported that a number of individuals interested in participating in the Portrait Project have contacted the Village. She hopes to begin scheduling the portraits in early May. Ms. Ettleson shared that in addition to the Portrait Project, GHS is working with the Senior Living Discussion Group to film interviews with the group members, also for use in the Sesquicentennial Exhibit.

g. 4th of July

Village Manager Kiraly and Ms. Meyer shared the preliminary details of the 4th of July celebration, including changes to the parade, day-of schedule and Party in the Park. Village Manager Kiraly noted that the Village will need an announcer, judges and a Grand Marshall for the parade. Ms. Meyer added that the Village hopes to call for a subcommittee to assist in the planning. She also shared that she is introducing some of the changes to the parade and celebration overall at the Village's upcoming Business Before Hours event on April 16. Details will also be included in the Village's annual Patriotic Days donation mailing, which is set to hit mailboxes in early May. Ms. Meyer then asked the committee for feedback on introducing sponsorship opportunities into the 4th of July celebration, such as a sponsor for the beer and wine tent.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed the need to reengage on soliciting ideas for the legacy project, including finding ways to encourage the community to participate in the selection of a project.

Mr. Kaplan reported that he is coordinating efforts with Mr. Van Vechten to reach out to local restaurants to solicit donations for the Bowl Project.

8. ADJOURN

Mr. Goodale motioned, seconded by Ms. Faulk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.