

**America 250 Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026**

Attendees:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Town Staff</u>	<u>Public</u>
Mary Lou Barmby Nancy Evans Kitty O’Hara Meghan Palazzo Faye West	Gene Dvornick	

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

Approval of March 24, 2026 Minutes:

Postponed to next meeting – April 21, 2026

Sponsorship Update:

Gene Dvornick reported that the Town has received \$7,350 in sponsorship contributions and \$532 in vendor booth fees.

REMINDER: Sponsorships must be received before Friday, May 15, 2026 for inclusion in promotional materials.

Activity Updates:

- A. Building Mural
 - ✓ No schools responded with an interest in participating
 - ✓ April 19 – 25 is National Volunteer Week – perhaps it can be done during this time
 - ✓ Faye West will contact the artist, John Donato, and see if a date can be set for sketching the design and local media can be invited to do a story
 - ✓ Open the painting to the public
 - ✓ John Donato has indicated it will be completed by June 13, 2026
- B. Fire Hydrant Painting Activity
 - ✓ No positive responses from any of the schools
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick suggested offering the project to Troop 95, allowing the public to vote on the best one, and recognize the effort with a contribution to the troop
- C. Artisan & Craft Festival
 - ✓ Faye West reviewed a series of questions from the Nanticoke Indian Tribe
 - ✓ The committee discussed a potential timeline and agenda for the event (see information enclosed)
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick will reach out to local chambers of commerce to seek additional vendors through their networks

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D. National Liberty Tree

- ✓ Gene Dvornick advised still no response from the Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs regarding the Old Courthouse location
- ✓ Nancy Evans and Gene Dvornick will reach out to Ron Ferraro and share that Franklin Lodge #12 should be contacted
- ✓ The Committee will continue to promote this event

E. Scavenger Hunt

- ✓ Kitty O'Hara walked the committee through the route and questions
- ✓ There was discussion on the format of the "punch" card for hunters to complete and marking of same

Schedule Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Public Comment:

Gene Dvornick reminded the committee of the scheduled call with Hook PR to discuss the event and promotional materials

Adjourn:

Motion: Nancy Evans; Second: Mary Lou Barmby to adjourn at 11:05 AM – Motion Carried (unanimous)

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Finalized activities and timing

<u>January, February, March</u>	<u>July, August, September</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings and planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings and planning • Reading of Declaration of Independence (07/04) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:00 AM ○ Noon ○ 4:00 PM • Fireworks & Concert – Georgetown Speedway
<u>April, May, June</u>	<u>October, November, December</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings and planning • Crosswalk painting (13 stars) • Fire hydrant painting by local schools • Artisan & Craftsman Festival (06/13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scavenger Hunt ○ Vendors ○ Food Trucks ○ Entertainment • Mural Painting • Children’s Reading Program – GPL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return Day (11/05) – GHS

Note: Coordinated by others

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MAIN STAGE

10:00am	Welcome	Faye West
10:05am	Presentation of Colors	Boy Scout Troop 95
10:10am	National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance?	Cathy Gorman
10:15am	Introduction of Elected Officials	
10:20	Elected Officials	TBD
10:30	America the Beautiful	Cathy Gorman
10:35	Introduction of Cesar Rodney	Faye West
	Cesar Rodney Presentation	Cesar Rodney
11am	Introduction of Herman Jackson	Faye West
	Herman Jackson Presentation	Herman Jackson

BLACKTOP

11:30am	Introduction of Nanticoke Indian Dance Troupe	Faye West
	Nanticoke Indian Dance Troupe Presentation	Adrian Harmon

MAIN STAGE

12:15pm	Introduction of African American Heritage	Faye West
	African American Heritage Presentation	Jane Hovington
12:45pm	Introduction of Latino History	Faye West
	Latino History Presentation	Christina Diaz-Malone
1pm	HOLD – Introduction of Latino American Dance Troupe	Faye West
	Latino American Dance Troupe	Dance Troupe
1:30pm	HOLD – Introduction of Discover Church Choir	Faye West
	Patriotic Songs to close the event	Church Choir
1:40pm	Retiring the colors	Boy Scout Troop 95
	Closing comments/thank you's	Faye West