

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Minutes
June 17,2026

Meeting was called to Order at 8:01 a.m.

Attendees in person:

Pamme Jones (Co-Chair), Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), ,
Dawn Fawcett, Sara Champion, James Carone

Attendees via zoom:

Deborah Rundlett, Louzette Dovorras, Renee Brown-Cheng

Excused:

Hildi Grob (ex-officio)

Minutes of June 3 Meeting Approved

BUSINESS:

Financials:

Treasurer Jim Carone reported. Discussion about which vendors have been paid and which still need to be paid.

Events:

- **Vintage Baseball Game**

Bartender Event- In full swing. Over 270 votes have been received. Winner will be announced June 28 at 5pm.

Passports. Jim reported 11 of the 14 stations have been reinstalled. Our intent is to leave them up through summer months.

Star Spangled Soiree at Lounsbury House – July 3, 2026

50 tickets have been sold. As we have adjusted the price, refunds will be offered to those who purchased tickets at the higher price. Photographer, caterer, trio have been arranged. Stephanie will be going over to Lounsbury at 4. Helpers welcome to join.

Party in the Park! At Ballard Park-July 4, 2026

Durants will be delivering the tables, chairs and dunk tank July 3. We discussed whether to have a tent over the stage and decided it shouldn't be necessary. If needed at last minute, Pamme volunteered to supply. Pamme will be speaking with Hildi Grob re coordinating the

event. We discussed need for child- friendly activities in the park as this is advertised as a Family Fun day. Participating organizations will be asked to have an activity. Key phrases from the Declaration will be posted around the park.

The opening walk will start at 10:45 at Town Hall and proceed to Ballard. At Ballard Park, there will be a brief opening ceremony with Rudy Marconi starting off, followed by Ira Joe and RCA250 Co-Chair Pamme Jones, Committee member Debbie Rundlett will give an ecumenical opening prayer. The Contra Dance group will play from 11 to 12. Then at 12:00 the Bourbon and Britches band will play. At 1:00 the Program will begin with the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Concert Choir from the Ridgefield High School Chorus will sing patriotic songs. The assembled crowd will sing the Star Spangled Banner. All will sing "This Land is Your Land". The fifers will end the program at 2 by marching out of the park playing "Yankee Doodle."

Meeting adjourned at 9.15.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion
Secretary