50th Commemoration Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary, August 14, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
President Diacon                          Ken Burhanna                          Ethan Lower
Alan Canfora *                           Chic Canfora                           Laura Davis
Mindy Farmer                             Marcello Fantoni                        Rod Flauhaus
Tom Grace *                              Amoaba Gooden                          Paul Haridakis
Nick Kollar                              Jerry Lewis                            Chris Post
Char Reed (guest)                        Lashonda Taylor (guest)

* indicates joined meeting by phone

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE
The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Char Reed who welcomed everyone and also introduce guest, Lashonda Taylor (Executive Director of University Events & Protocol). The meeting was then turned over to President Diacon for his update.

President Diacon proceeded to thank the members for attending this meeting and also thanked EHHS and the committee for a great start to the 50th with the Educators Summit and two keynote addresses.

Various members of the committee also gave feedback on the Educators Summit events and how well the event went. Laura Davis also announced that she and several other colleagues have just been awarded a major grant by the National Endowment of the Humanities for additional summits that will occur in the summer of 2020.

President Diacon welcome and introduced Neil Cooper to the Advisory Committee. Neil Cooper is Director of the School of Peace and Conflict Studies and will be a permanent member of the Advisory Committee.

President Diacon then explained the primary focus of the meeting is to work toward finalizing Commemoration Weekend. He explained that a plan has been developed that will divide the committee into smaller project teams with each team focusing on specific aspects of the weekend. He then turned the meeting over to Project Manager Rod Flauhaus to go through the plan.
WEEKEND PLANNING
Rod Flauhaus distributed a planning document to the committee outlining the smaller project teams, their charter, deliverables and timeframes for completion. Each project team will consist of 4 to 5 members. There will 6 project teams as follows:

- **Historic Site & Friday (May 1) Programming**
  - Mindy Farmer
  - Laura Davis
  - Char Reed
  - Chic Canfora
  - Amy Reynolds

- **Saturday, May 2\(^{nd}\) Programming**
  - Tom Grace
  - Amoaba Gooden
  - Paul Haridakas
  - Chris Post
  - Neil Cooper
  - Carrie Circosta

- **Sunday, May 3\(^{rd}\) Programming**
  - Alan Canfora
  - Marcello Fantoni
  - Nick Kollar
  - Melody Tankersley
  - Ken Burhanna

- **Candlelight Walk & Vigil**
  - Michael Pacifico
  - Jerry Lewis
  - Ethan Lower
  - Shay Little
  - Rod Flauhaus

- **Monday, May 4 Programming**
  - Rod Flauhaus
  - Lashonda Taylor
  - Laura Davis
  - Tom Grace
  - Alan Canfora
  - Chic Canfora

- **Eventualities & Contingencies**
  - Dean Tondiglia
  - Paul Haradakis
  - Eric Mansfield
  - Legal Counsel
  - Nick Kollar
  - Jeff Fruit
  - Mindy Farmer
The charge of these teams is to make recommendations on possible programming ideas for their respected area. These ideas will be culminated and discussed further by the entire Advisory Committee. Based on feedback and input from the committee the suggestions will be sent to President Diacon for his review and decisions.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS
Everyone agreed that the September meeting should be 2 hours long to ensure we get through some of the initial suggestions from the project teams. Char Reed and Lashonda Taylor will reach out to the project teams to get each convened. Rod Flauhaus will attend the meetings to ensure coordination.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 pm.