

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Cynthia Burr	William Kane, Sr.	Chris Sinacola
Carole Chiras	Denise Marlborough	Joyce Ostrowski
Jamie Rembiszewski	Ronald Marlborough	Paul Raffa
Roger Derosiers	E. Joseph McKeon	Lynn Winston
Peg Spang	Mary Lou Mulhane	Annie Gasco

Committee Members Absent

Rob Morton	Jeffrey Dore	
Carol Vulter	Catherine Elliott	Paul DiCicco
David Cofske	Karen Gagliardi	

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Motion to approve Jan. 2013 minutes by Bill, second by Ron, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Balance of \$228,321 in MBC general fund. Joyce took note of various invoices and receipts of funds. Detailed reports available upon e-mail request. Motion by Bill, second by Lynn to accept report, unanimously approved. Chris gave proceeds from sale of nine copies of Arcadia book to Joyce, total of \$198, and reports that he delivered the last box of books (40 copies) to Ray's True Value. There are perhaps a dozen additional copies at Brick Block art gallery in Sutton Center, which will be retrieved and made available for sale through Ray's when necessary.

Updates: Bill presented four minor budget changes: Birthday party from \$5,000 to \$10,000, motion by Denise, second by Cyndy, approved; ball budget, originally 350 tickets at \$75 each, changed to \$72.50 per ticket to reflect full-table sales, motion by Denise, second by Lynn, approved.

Roger detailed plans to place 12 signs for MBC at entry points to the town, with history of the bids, and the budget of \$2,400, installation work to be completed by the DPW. Would allow for people in the community and visitors to recognize that town is celebrating its 200th. Unanimously approved \$2,400.

Finance and fundraising committee: Peg has prices for pennants to be given away, and can get prototypes before final decision is made on which size to order. Golf tournament scheduled for May 19 at Raceway Golf Course in Thompson, Conn. There are six copies of the Centennial History available.

Media committee: Paul reports that Sharon Anderson, member of Historical Society, has been posting lots of content and doing very well. Web page for film festival is ready pending OK from Cyndy. Brochure for golf tournament is in preparation.

Events committee: Mary Lou said about 60 tickets to the ball have not yet been paid for, but are reserved. There are nine tickets not spoken for. A little over \$19,000 has been collected for the tickets sold to date. A fuller accounting can be made next month when all tickets are paid for. Form for June 15 birthday party cake contest presented. Motion to approve by Bill, second by Annie, unanimously approved. Cyndy said there was a delay in preparation for the film festival owing to a death, but work has resumed, contacts are being made, logo finalized.

Ron thanked Stuart Mulhane for efforts to get Vietnam Moving Wall to come to Millbury. Logistics and planning are too complicated. On happier note, parade preparations are going well. Shriners have plans in place to participate in the parade. Participation, release and hold-harmless forms are ready for groups and individuals who will participate. More than 20 bands are expected.

March 2, 10-1, MBC will have a table at the Asa Waters home fair. Peg moved that committee issue a \$25 check to Friends of the Asa Waters Mansion for Home Party Bonanza, and MBC commemorative items of a hat and a tee-shirt. Second by Lynn. Unanimously approved.

History committee: West Millbury history tours are booked, but would-be attendees can be added to a waiting list.

Chris reported he delivered last full box of 40 copies to Ray's, and has perhaps another 15 copies at Brick Block in Sutton, which he will retrieve when needed. Joyce said she has perhaps half a box, approximately 20 copies, available at Town Hall. General consensus was that the goal of selling the original 500 copies ordered through MBC has largely been met, and Chris noted that the committee certainly doesn't want to have extra copies left over after the June events.

Old business: Bill spoke with three local clergy and plans are proceeding for an ecumenical service. Company that owns the old Millbury fire pumper is making good on donation of up to \$200 for town to buy a commemorative tree, and will also send a plaque to be cast in their foundry.

Roger asked how the MBC can recognize individuals who have gone "above and beyond" in contributing to the success of the bicentennial. One suggestion is to give those individuals a Vaillancourt Folk Art Santa, several of which remain in stock. Discussion includes small flags to be displayed on houses; deciding what the cutoff would be for recognition. Bill noted that anyone who did not donate through the capital campaign cannot be recognized in the same fashion as those who did participate in the capital campaign were recognized. He recommended that each other major donor be addressed on a case-by-case basis, with the Finance Committee making recommendations to bring to the full MBC. Lynn agreed that the donors need to be

quantified to the extent possible, in terms of number of donors, amounts, etc. Bill moved that the individual donations we are trying to address be brought to the Finance Committee for recommendations to be brought to the full MBC. Second by Ron. Unanimously approved.

Roger reported that Legacy Committee met in January and came up with a very long list of possibilities. The next meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 26 at Asa Waters Mansion.

No report yet from the Program Committee.

New business: Ron raised issue of whether to return the \$5,000 seed money from May 2009 Town Meeting, or retain it as part of the legacy project. Ron said the town didn't put any funds into the MBC except for the \$5,000 seed money, and feels that is not a lot of money in light of the work done by the committee over the years. Bill read the exact motion from that meeting for purposes of clarity and discussion. Carol, Paul, and Bill echoed Ron's position. Bill noted the MBC has raised over \$350,000 in a difficult economy over several years. Roger spoke in favor of giving back the \$5,000 to the town, pointing out that the townspeople have been extraordinary in their support of the MBC, and said there has been considerable cooperation from town departments, effectively offering in-kind contributions, without "labeling of costs" that the town obviously took on. Annie suggested that no decision on the \$5,000 needs to be made. Roger noted that the money could be made available to the Legacy Committee if they feel it's useful to enhance their work.

Ron moved that the \$5,000 be retained, second by Cyndy. After discussion, motion was tabled by unanimous consent.

Next meeting to be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Motion to adjourn by Denise, second by Paul, meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinacola
February 7, 2013