

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Committee Members Present

Cynthia Burr
Carole Chiras
Paul DiCicco
Jeffrey Dore

Karen Gagliardi
William Kane, Sr.
Denise Marlborough
Ronald Marlborough

Mary Lou Mulhane
Paul Raffa
Christopher Sinicola
Lynn Winston

Committee Members Absent

Rebecca Rehm

Guests Presents

Peg Spang
Annie Gasco

Minutes

Call to order

Bill Kane called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

- Approval December 1, 2010, and February 9, 2011, meeting minutes. Motion by Jeff Dore, seconded by Lynn Winston, to approve Dec. 1 minutes. Motion by Ron Marlborough, seconded by Jeff, to approve February 9 minutes. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously, with no discussion.

Treasurer's report

Bill reviewed the MBC finances, with the balances in each of the major accounts, and reported that, after all expenses, the MBC has a balance of \$88,330.08. Motion by Denise Marlborough, seconded by Lynn, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Bill said there are no vouchers to sign.

Finance and Fundraising Committee

Bill, reporting on behalf of Rob Morton, who was absent from the meeting, said the Finance Committee is seeking \$120 to purchase 12 "Pandora-style" beads at \$10 each, as part of

a joint fundraiser with Millbury High School. The beads will be sold at \$20 each. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Denise, no discussion, unanimously approved.

Bill next passed around the silver MBC coin, and sought a motion for up to \$500 for the purchase of 10 of these coins (composed in part of real silver), at approximately \$46 each. The coins will be sold at \$75 each.

A brief discussion of previous coins in town ensued.

Denise motion, Lynn second, for the \$500. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

Bill noted that the Events Committee approved the budget for the town's birthday party at \$5,000. The original birthday party budget being \$3,000, this will require borrowing \$2,000 from the MBC legacy account, which will not affect the legacy budget in the future. Bill said the expectation is that the MBC will meet its overall fundraising goals.

A motion to adjust the budget and approve the \$5,000 is sought. Motion by Karen Gagliardi, second by Mary Lou Mulhane. No further discussion. Unanimously approved. Jeff signed the updated birthday party budget document on behalf of the MBC.

Committee took note of new date for annual wine tasting fundraiser, which will be October 29, 2011, rather than November 19, 2011, as originally planned.

Next Finance & Fundraising Committee meeting will be on April 6 at 4 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library.

Paul DiCicco said there was a meeting on March 15 of those organizing the June 2011 golf tournament. Paul distributed brochures pertaining to the tournament, which will be held on June 20 at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton. He is seeking approval for \$60 to pay IBA for the printing of the brochures. Projects \$500 for signs, \$300 for trophies, and the \$60 for the brochures, a total of \$860.

Paul DiCicco asked whether MBC has ability to send letters to every business in Millbury, asking for hole sponsorships, donations or gifts. Bill suggested Paul seek that information through Rob Morton, who likely has that information through the MBC capital campaign process. Paul Raffa suggests checking with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Bill asked where the trophies will be purchased, mentioning that MBC has an account with City Sporting Goods. Paul DiCicco said that would be fine by him.

Paul DiCicco said it is OK to attend the steak dinner at \$25 per person if one does not wish to golf.

Media Committee

Paul Raffa reports that he held a subcommittee meeting at the library on Tuesday, March 22, and that it is the second consecutive meeting where fewer than two people have attended. Some previous volunteers have bowed out, but a few Millbury High School students have expressed interest. He will work with the students to see whether they have the skills and ability to help out with the website and other work that needs to be done, including updating the events calendar on the site.

Paul will continue to hold media committee meetings. Notes that those who are helping out are generally unable to attend the meetings, while those who do attend may not have the necessary skills, or may not understand what they are getting into. But he will continue to look for volunteers and work with those who are interested.

Events Committee

Ron reported 10 people attended the March 10 Events Committee meeting. Classical concert details were reviewed, and meeting with Paul Levenson on March 24 was confirmed.

Ron reports committee gave Bill permission to make a presentation to the Millbury Lions Club, seeking their “gold sponsorship.” Denise volunteered to be the lead on booking the bands for the parade. Bill and Ron attended Worcester’s St. Patrick’s Day parade and got some useful contacts for bands, including the Shriners. Approved \$5,000 for the birthday party. Updates were heard on the bicentennial ball, Revolutionary War re-enactment event planned for West Millbury, and the balloon festival.

Bill encourage the general membership to seek out volunteers and encourage those who have expressed interest to step up to the plate as the planning of many events has been completed and it is time to delegate work to the various volunteers on various committees.

Ron said next Events Committee meeting will be on April 14 from 8 to 9 p.m.

History Committee

Carole presented a flyer being sent out March 25 to alert the community to two “memory days” being held on April 30 at the Millbury Fire Station and on May 14 at the old schoolhouse in West Millbury.

History Committee is still selling reprints of the 1915 Centennial history of Millbury, but wants to reinvigorate that effort, and will to that end contact the new editor of the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle.

Carole said current effort is to coordinate historical and current house sites in West Millbury, from 1830 to present-day.

Old Business – 7:55 p.m.

- Meat raffle, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011. Bill encourages members to gather as many of their friends and relatives as possible to attend this event. Bill has asked Ron Marlborough to be the point person for the MBC at this event, as he is a member of the Millbury Lions Club and is very familiar with the process; and Bill reminded members that the MBC are guests of the Millbury Lions Club at this event, although members are encouraged to help out.
- There was a suggestion as to whether it would be possible to have some simple banners made up at the holidays to promote the various events that the MBC is holding, so that the events would “always be in the background.” Bill said that while that is a great idea, the MBC has promised large contributors to the MBC’s efforts pole banners that will be prominent in the center of town. They are, in effect, “sponsorship banners” and that may be problematic.
- Bill said that the MBC still intends to approval library trustees to further discuss use of Carnegie room at MPL for historical display, but that these discussions will be postponed until after the annual town election.

New Business – 8:10 p.m.

- Bill said a new clerk for the MBC will be needed to replace Rebecca Rehm, who is moving with her family to Harvard after April 27th meeting. Chris Sinacola

volunteered to become the permanent secretary for the MBC. Accepted by the committee.

- Karen reports that an ice cream social will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on June 5, 2011, at Scales Restaurant. The cost is \$4 per person, and the MBC will benefit by receiving half the proceeds of this fundraiser.
- Karen reports that a psychic fundraiser will be held in September at the Elm Draught House Theater, and the Jim Perry, theater owner, has generously donated the theater to the MBC on that date at no cost. 300 tickets will be available at \$20 each in advance, or \$25 at the door. The event will be held at 7 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m.
- Karen reports that a new candy vendor, with New England Outreach, has been contacted and will be making up candy bars and pops. Karen said there were various problem with the Candy Shoppe in Millbury, so she felt it best to seek a new vendor.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, with executive committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thereafter, the committee agree to skip May and hold the next meeting on June 15, 2011.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Raffa, seconded by Denise, approved unanimously without discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Christopher Sinacola
March 29, 2011