

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Cynthia Burr	William Kane, Sr.	Paul Raffa
Carole Chiras	Denise Marlborough	Jamie Rembiszewski
David Cofske	Ronald Marlborough	Chris Sinacola
Roger Derosiers	Robert Morton	Carol Vulter
Paul DiCicco	Mary Lou Mulhane	Armand White
Jeffrey Dore	Joyce Ostrowski	Peg Spang
E. Joseph McKeon		

Committee Members Absent

Catherine Elliott, Karen Gagliardi, Frank Gagliardi, Lynn Winston, Annie Gasco.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Minutes

Motion by Joyce, second by Paul to approve March 6 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report

Joyce reported that there is \$234,714.56 in MBC fund. Six invoices were presented and approved at executive committee. Motion by Paul, second by Denise to accept report, which was accepted unanimously.

Finance/Fundraising Committee report

Rob said committee is recommending reducing prices of tee-shirts and hats to \$10, and Vaillancourt Santas to \$99. Joyce moved that MBC rebate \$51 to Jeff Dore, who bought a Santa in the last 14 days. Ron seconded motion. Refund was approved, Jeff abstaining. (This was the only Santa purchase in recent weeks).

Discussion on marking down remaining items continued. Carol Vulter suggested that birthday party celebration will be a good opportunity to sell the remaining stock.

Fundraising thermometer will be capped off to show 100 percent funds raised, a sign thanking Millbury residents will be added, and the tower/thermometer display will be removed from Millbury National Bank property in July, and will be considered surplus town property until it is disposed of by raffle or some other method.

Roger said signage for entry points into town is proceeding. Budget is \$2,400, but there is \$400 cushion in case some rods need to be purchased.

Media Committee report

Paul reported that Facebook page and website continue to be updated, design work is complete for the golf tournament.

Paul reported that without his permission or consent, Cyndi Papia significantly edited the MBC website, redesigning the template, background, etc. He will ask her to return the logo to what it was, and ask her to please seek permission before making further changes in the future. Otherwise, as discussed by the executive committee previously, the consensus is not to make an issue of the changes that were made.

Events Committee report

Cyndy asked that everyone who is on Facebook repost anything about the film festival, encouraging participation. Also, more than 300 letters were mailed to schools of all kinds throughout the Blackstone Valley in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, suggesting that their students consider participating.

Ron said parade participation forms are trickling in. Parade has decided to honor Millbury war veterans Joe Bianculli (Korean War) and Roland Lachance (World War II) as grand marshals for the parade. Motion by Jeff, second by Joyce, unanimously approved. A formal letter will be sent to both gentlemen informing them of their selection. Roger said both have verbally accepted, are humbled, and very pleased.

Next committee meeting is April 11, and a parade-only meeting on April 24. Jeff said a public service announcement regarding the parade has been taped.

Meeting held for ecumenical service. St. Brigid, First Congregational and Millbury Federated churches are actively participating. Date to be announced, likely at the end of May or early in June. The service will be held at St. Brigid, which best meets requirements for parking, accessibility and capacity.

Roger noted Jeff's work in reconnection with Silver Dollar City and their offer of \$200 for a tree, but noted that an additional appropriation would be good in order to buy a nicer tree. The executive committee voted previously this evening to add \$500 to the birthday committee budget to augment funding for the tree to \$700.

An identical motion was made by Cyndy, seconded by Peg. Joe asked what is meant by "more vibrant" and whether a specific species of tree is being sought, and what location is being considered. Roger said a \$200 tree would probably not work at the Asa Waters Mansion, and might not survive if placed elsewhere. Joe said his brother-in-law is in the wholesale nursery business and may be interested in participating. There was a discussion of various kinds of trees, options, etc. Finally, the motion was addressed. The additional \$500 was unanimously approved.

Carol Vulter suggested that an additional \$300 be added, to give the birthday committee an even \$1,000 to work with. Any such additional appropriation would have to originate with the executive committee.

Rob, as a member of the executive committee, then moved that the supplemental \$300 be appropriated. That motion, now with the executive committee alone, was seconded by Carole. Ron said he was opposed, noting that this is not the first time the birthday committee has come back for additional funds. Rob said he has been very frugal in evaluation requests, and in consideration of the expense of trees, he feels he would rather allocate another \$300, bringing the overall sum to \$1,000. Bill said he feels \$700 is a reasonable number for a tree.

Paul, Rob, Joyce, Roger, Carole in favor, Bill and Ron opposed. Motion passed executive committee by 5-2.

Cyndy then moved sum of \$500 for full MBC committee, seconded by Joe. Bill noted that overall birthday committee budget has grown from the initial \$5,000 to nearly \$11,000. Motion was approved by majority, with Bill and Ron opposed.

There followed a discussion about recent article in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle about the cake contest. The article lacked all the necessary information and details. Dave noted that the Chronicle should set the record straight. Birthday party committee will meet on April 4 to

History Committee report

Carole said one final history tour of West Millbury will be held in September for those who were on the waiting list and unable to attend any of the previous tours. No further reservations for these tours will be taken. Brochures for the tour are available at Town Hall for those who wish to take a self-guided history tour.

Jeff said that second graders in Millbury will be putting on the seven-act play "Millbury, My Hometown," which has been presented annually for more than a decade. A separate show, at 9:30 a.m. on May 2 at Elmwood Street School will be held for the community.

Joyce said there are only two copies of the Centennial History reprint. Carole thanked Karen for collecting and returning Centennial History copies that were loaned.

Old Business

Discussion of whether to return \$5,000 seed money to the town. Executive committee previously discussed this and decided the money should be returned. Paul moved, second by Ron, to return money. Approved by majority, with one opposed.

Discussion of recognition individuals or organizations, not already participants in capital campaign, who may be deserving of particular recognition. Pearson family, Stowe Farm, Floral Boutique, and Ray's True Value were mentioned. Determination on how to recognize individuals or groups will be made at the next meeting of the Finance Committee, with final recommendations to be brought back to the full MBC.

Jeff said last meeting of the Legacy Committee was canceled because of weather, but next meeting will be on April 9, with aim to come up with possible sites and projects. Roger asked about a time capsule; Jeff said that has been included in discussions.

Paul said he has been doing some design work on the program, something appropriate both for possible print publication and leaving it on the town website. Discussion of costs, budget, etc. was had. Bill wants to ensure there is sufficient funding for a program that properly documents the MBC celebration.

Next meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 7 p.m., Asa Waters Mansion. Bill urged ongoing, full attendance, Roger thanked all for their participation.

Adjournment

Motion by Ron, second by Rob, unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinacola
April 4, 2013