

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Committee Members Present

Carole Chiras

Robert Morton

Annie Gasco

Roger Derosiers

Mary Lou Mulhane

Peg Spang

William Kane, Sr.

Joyce Ostrowski

Chris Sinacola

Ronald Marlborough

Paul Raffa

E. Joseph McKeon

Jamie Rembiszewski

Committee Members Absent

Cynthia Burr, Denise Marlborough, Frank Gagliardi, Jeffrey Dore, Armand White, Carol Vulter, Paul DiCicco, Karen Gagliardi, Catherine Elliott, Tish Hayes, Lynn Winston, David Cofske.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Ron, second by Paul, to approve March 7 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report:

Joyce reported a net balance of \$198,700.58 (see attached financial documents). Influx of \$11,500 in the capital campaign. Signed invoice for Lyons Signs, capital campaign banner, \$500. Report unanimously accepted.

Committee reports:

Finance/Fundraising: Rob passed around a framed montage of Millbury scenes produced by Frank Morrill, which will be priced at \$38; and samples of vintage Millbury signs that will be priced at \$15.

Peg Spang presented information about ideas for various giveaway items, including coloring book, jumble, word search, crossword puzzle, bubbles. Suggested committee focus on items for the first three events in 2012. A discussion of fans, Frisbees and other products ensued. Possibility of having bumper stickers available for distribution at Town Meeting, and possible concerns about logistics of such a distribution.

Motion to order 1,000 bumper stickers by Rob, seconded by Carole. Approved unanimously. Paul will do the design work.

Roger asked Peg to prepare a budget request for May 2 meeting to cover costs for the various giveaways that may be planned.

Media: Paul reported that concert is listed on website; Facebook page is doing well, plenty of activity and interactions. Paul showed trifold brochure for the concert event, and it received high marks.

Chris said he could send TIF images of any number of Millbury scenes to Carole and the History Committee for putting into brochure, or send them directly to Paul Raffa for preparation, as he has those images scanned from the Millbury Historical Society collection and some other sources.

Events: Ron reported that he and Bill went to Worcester St. Patrick's Day parade, met with Shriner's potentate, who explained they have a conflict on the date Millbury is having their parade. He suggested Worcester chapter or perhaps one from Boston might be interested. Calls out to various bands. Bill expressed disappointment that after two years of discussion with the Shiners, they have only now informed MBC members that there may be a conflict.

Ron has been in contact with Spirit of America Band, and is awaiting approval. Calls to Boston Crusaders Band, and Boston Crusaders Senior Band, and is awaiting approval on both.

Jamie reported on balloon festival planning. Unfortunately, first balloonmeister the committee was working with is terminally ill. He has provided names of other contacts and has recommend MBC to them, and they are willing and able to work with Millbury, and will pull together a proposal to be submitted early this month. Jamie feels the event will come together very nicely.

Bill said contracts for Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra are in good shape; sound and tent contracts are done, music contract is with the orchestra; town finance director Brian Turbitt has contract for fireworks and it is being processed.

Bill worked out agreement with Millbury Lions Foundation to split cost of fencing for the fireworks event. MBC will have a table at the concert, and will need volunteers to staff it.

Paul said he and Bill went to site of Revolutionary War re-enactment. Re-enactors are very excited about the site's size, location. Portable toilets contract is set; parking and busing logistics need to be worked out.

History: Carole is working on history tour brochure, has a few documents that need to be finalized through Media committee. Carole noted history tour organization is still ongoing. Carol Vulter and Catherine Elliott are working on getting the Blanchard lathe on loan from the Colt Museum in Springfield, possibly to be displayed at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Carole has also done some further work and discussion on a possible Millbury Public Schools history curriculum.

Chris presented update on Arcadia book project. Deadline for submission of materials is April 24, and he will submit all the photos he intends to use, along with the completed text, probably on a flash drive, as that will be easier and less time-consuming than uploading 200 images. Chris has tried two other scanners, with no better results, and believes that the images he has are in fact in keeping with Arcadia's specifications. But correspondence with Arcadia editor continues to include mixed signals, and it is not clear whether the scans are or are not acceptable, and moreover Chris has little confidence that the Arcadia editor herself understands whether they are acceptable. Spoke with Frank Morrill about problems he has had with the same editor at Arcadia. In short, he will submit the project, see what reaction Arcadia has, and will formulate a recommendation thereafter. In any case, if rescanning materials does become necessary, we will know which photos we need, thereby limiting the number. Chris does not feel at this point that he has sufficient technical mastery of the process to complete the rescanning. He will send some images to Paul, who may be able to help out.

Old Business:

- Roger is in contact with Millbury, Ohio, about possible participation.

- Paul is working on a calendar of events to be sent to all residents, probably to be prepared and sent as a postcard.
- Discussion of a possible committee to organize and involve other community organizations in bicentennial events. Bill mentioned that MBC still does not have good communications with other community organizations to get them involved.
- Bill noted that there needs to be better coordination with volunteers, as well. Chris will see what he has, in hard copy or electronically, in terms of a volunteer list. Joe asked whether volunteers can sign up through the website or Facebook page. Paul said that volunteers can get involved through email.
- Paul is developing a letter to inform all abutters about the Revolutionary War re-enactment event, and anticipates no problems. Notification will be done in April. Roger noted that Jeff Dore will head up logistics for the event.

New Business:

- Meeting with selectmen on April 10. Roger and Bill will attend.
- Meeting with Liberty Mutual was held last month. Roger and Bill will pursue, hoping to get contribution for sponsorship of a major event or portion thereof.
- National, state and town flags to be prepared for use at all MBC events, to be donated to the town at the end of the event. Seeking about \$650 for the whole set. Annie made motion, seconded by Peg, for \$650 for the flags, unanimously approved.
- Roger said a letter was received from Disabilities Commission regarding accessibility for all events; Roger and Bill will make sure that is taken care of.
- Millbury High School class of 1958 is planning 55th reunion on June 22-23, 2013, to coincide with the bicentennial parade.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7 p.m., Asa Waters Mansion

Adjournment:

Motion by Paul, second by Joe, unanimously approved.

Submitted by
Chris Sinicola
April 5, 2012