

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Committee Members Present

Cynthia Burr
Carole Chiras
Chris Sinacola
Paul Raffa
William Kane, Sr.
Mary Lou Mulhane
Roger Derosiers
Jeffrey Dore
Peg Spang
Frank Gagliardi
Denise Marlborough
E. Joseph McKeon
Ron Marlborough
Lynn Winston (p.m.)

Committee Members Absent

Catherine Elliott, Joyce Ostrowski, Robert Morton, Armand White, Carol Vulter, Tish Hayes, Karen Gagliardi, Edd Cote, David Cofske, Jamie Rembiszewski, Lynn Winston, Annie Gasco, Paul DiCicco

I. Approval of minutes

Approval of minutes from April 4 meeting. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Denise to accept as written. Unanimously approved.

II. Treasurer's report

None, as Joyce is not able to attend.

III. Updates

Roger and Bill attended meetings with Board of Selectmen and the Safety Personnel and Disability committees. All meeting went very well, and officials are pleased with MBC's work and progress. All MBC events will be handicapped accessible, including appropriate transportation available, and no MBC events will be held in Asa Waters Mansion above the first floor.

IV. Committee Reports

Finance/Fundraising Committee

Various vouchers signed for flags, poles, brackets, etc., for flags for bicentennial events.

Bill displayed the framed print of Millbury map with inset photos, prepared by Frank Morrill, that will cost \$38 to the MBC and be sold for \$60, and Millbury, Massachusetts 1813-2013 wooden signs will be available (in four different colors) at \$8 to the MBC and sold to the public for \$15.

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Peg, to appropriate \$760 for copies of framed map with photos. Mary Lou asked whether copies of the map can be ordered as needed, and expressed concerns about competition with other bicentennial products. Roger noted the framed map with photos project went through the same process as any other products, so the committee is only acting on what has already been approved. Roger feels MBC needs to have some items that are available for immediate purchase, and that 20 of the maps is reasonable number to have available. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Denise, second by Jeff, to approve \$224 for Millbury town signboards. Unanimously approved.

Roger said the commemorative plate production has been delayed because the vendor could not supply the plate in ivory color. The project is still going forward. Price isn't yet known.

MBC banners have gone up in town. Those facing the street are so doing because the poles are in from the sidewalk. Two more will be put up, for C&S Lumber and Millbury Woman's Club, locations to be determined. MBC has worked out logistics of having banners and U.S. flags sharing locations this summer.

Peg discussed progress on giveaway and promotional items. Roger noted there should be items available at the West Millbury history tour (first of which will be July 14), and other major events, including the firemen's field day, block party, sock hop and car show, etc.

General motion needed for a giveaway item to be determined for distribution at the June 16 classical concert. Motion by Ron for a giveaway item, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, the item to be determined by the appropriate committee. Second by Joe. Unanimously approved.

Bill reminded committee Finance Committee will sponsor another psychic event on October 11 at the Dudley-Gendron Legion Post in Sutton.

Sale of Centennial History reprints will continue through Karen Gagliardi.

Media Committee

Paul noted Facebook revamped their site, and suggested members visit the MBC site. There are now 649 folks who "like" our site on Facebook. Paul also showed brochures, posters and parking passes for the June 16 classical concert.

Events Committee

Ron noted next meeting will be on May 10. Efforts continue to contact drum and bugle corps that may participate in bicentennial parade, as well as Shriners group.

Bill reported that all contracts are signed for classical concert, and parking and other issues largely resolved. He discussed logistics of the event. Lengthy discussion of donations for parking, and passing a bucket for donations at Windle Field during concert.

Bill said contract for a band for the centennial ball is in hand and under review.

History Committee

Chris recommended that the MBC appropriate money to purchase 500 copies of the forthcoming book "Images of America: Millbury," and explained the good progress that has been made. A mockup of the cover was passed around. Chris said he will be submitting any last-

minute photo substitutions and outlines to the publisher by May 11. Motion by Cynthia, seconded by Paul., to appropriate \$5,500 for 500 copies of the book. Unanimously approved.

V. Old Business

Discuss correspondence with Millbury, Ohio. Roger is in touch with a friend of his who lives about 50 miles south of Millbury, Ohio, and is waiting to hear back from him.

Short distribution of calendar of events for residents of Millbury.

Roger noted that MBC needs to contact all civic organizations, businesses, etc., that might be interested in getting involved in the bicentennial celebration. His sense is that there are some waiting to be asked, and he feels there should be a committee to organize such efforts.

Roger thanked MBC members for being at town meeting to greet residents and voters. Peg said most people liked the bumper stickers. There were some who had no idea that there was a bicentennial celebration going on.

VI. New Business

Roger attended veterans' council meeting last week, and reports they are very much involved with obtaining a military flyover for Bicentennial Memorial Day. The fact that it is coming from a veterans group means the chance of having a flyover are very much improved.

At next meeting, Roger suggested a discussion and review of the events of 1913, 1963, and 1988 historical observations. Roger said that art and essay contest projects could be done through the schools. Cynthia suggested a video contest for teens and pre-teens. Various other ideas were suggested.

Parking for Revolutionary War re-enactment event continued. Roger noted that in publicizing the event, MBC would highlight parking locations served by shuttle buses, and omit any mention of any private parking options, which MBC cannot control.

Joe said he feels that it would be gauche to ask for a donation for parking "in any way, shape or form" makes it "gauche, less than classical."

Joe moved that all parking for the June 16 classical concert be free, and that there be no solicitation of funds or signage pertaining thereto at the parking point; seconded by Jeff. Unanimously approved.

Ron moved, Bill seconded, that a bucket for donations be passed at some point during intermission at the classical concert, and that it be announced. Brief discussion ensued. Motion approved by a vote of 10-2, Joe and Paul, with one abstention, Chris.

VIII. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7 p.m. at Asa Waters Mansion.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Joe, second by Carole. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinicola
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