

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Cynthia Burr	William Kane, Sr.	Jamie Rembiszewski
Carole Chiras	Denise Marlborough	Paul Raffa
Roger Desrosiers	Ronald Marlborough	Chris Sinacola
Jeffrey Dore	Robert Morton	Peg Spang
Catherine Elliott	Mary Lou Mulhane	
Frank Gagliardi		

Committee Members Absent

Karen Gagliardi	Joyce Sampson	E. Joseph McKeon
Carol Vulter	Lynn Winston	Annie Gasco
David Cofske	Paul DiCicco	

Meeting called to order 7:07 p.m.

Motion to accept minutes of Nov. 7 by Paul, second by Jeff, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Rob circulated statements showing cash balance of \$169,308, slightly ahead of budget; however, it is important that all budgets be finalized in time for the March 6, 2013, meeting, so that he can forecast what will happen over the last few months of the celebration, and can come up with an estimate of what will be available for a legacy project. IN addition, totals were budgeted for historical display, spring house tour, and a few other projects that were not and likely will not be undertaken.

Rob outlined plans to propose funding for three additional projects: \$5,000 for a commemorative program; \$1,000 for an ecumenical service; and \$5,000 for a Millbury Bicentennial Appreciation Night.

Paul is coordinating another golf tournament for May 19, 2013, with anticipated profit of \$7,000. Motion for \$14,000 in expenses. Motion by Denise, second by Bill. Cyndi asked how that budget compares with realities of last golf tournament. Rob said they were different situations, and that this one is consistent with other tournaments that Paul and other committee members have organized. Bill said it is more likely that there will be more entries, with a lower entry fee and likely will generate more revenue. Unanimously approved.

Bill moved committee order 20 more copies of Centennial History, and 27 "Millbury" signs. Second by Denise. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Peg, for no more than \$750 for a set-aside for a Millbury Bicentennial store sale to be held at the Millbury Public Library on Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Unanimously approved.

Media committee: Paul gave update on website and Facebook page, which now has 737 followers. Sharon Anderson has volunteered to help with the media committee. All items

available at Ray's True Value are now listed online, with prices. Posters for ball are done, flyer in preparation for the film festival. Brief discussion of signs that would be placed on major roadways to alert residents and visitors to the town's 200th anniversary. Paul will try to get some kind of coverage/attention from Worcester Living magazine.

Events committee: Marie Colacchio, who is working on the birthday party celebration, and specifically the cake and cake contest, presented a book showing various cakes made during the Lincoln celebration. Committee discussed merits of having an additional "official" birthday cake, or just recognizing one of the entries as the "official" cake. Bill said his original understanding was that it was a birthday party with a cake contest, including a bicentennial cake for all. Paul suggested an ice cream cake sheet cake be the official cake, because it would complement the cake entries.

Cyndi moved that the MBC condone planning done thus far, including the cake contest, and that the winner of the contest be designated as the official bicentennial cake. Second by Jeff. Motion approved 13-2.

Committee took up matter of a bicentennial tree, to be planted before the actual event, but dedicated at the 200th anniversary of the town. Prominently located in the community, perhaps at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Mike Mailey from Cedar Lawn Tree Service in Ashland addressed committee, and explained tree-planting on the common two years ago. For a purple beech, cost would be between \$7,000 for a 4 to 5-inch caliper tree (at 12 inches off the ground) about 14 feet high, to about \$10,000 for a larger tree of about 20 feet in height. Prices are all-inclusive, tree, equipment, labor, planting. Such a tree would grow about a foot a year.

Jeff recounted efforts to get on loan the Millbury steamer, "Old Clyde," that is at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. Read from letter relating the owners' concerns, declining the request, but noting that Silver Dollar City is willing to donate a tree of Millbury's choice for planting in town, with a hand-forged commemorative historical marker. Committee discussed possibility of writing back to SDC officials, indicating town's preference, and seeing whether they would be interested in donating/funding such a tree.

Motion by Peg, second by Jeff, unanimously approved, to have Jeff communicate with SDC as per the foregoing discussion.

Ron said parade planning meeting was held on Nov. 29, and next meeting will be on Jan. 16. Theme is celebrating Millbury's rich history. Planning is under way, and there will be need for several subcommittees, many volunteers for a wide variety of tasks, and publicity.

Cyndi said there will be a meeting of the film festival committee at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at Chris Mahan's house on Howe Avenue.

Ball committee has sold 100 tickets thus far for the bicentennial ball, most of those sales being for complete tables. Sales of tickets are also slated for Tuesday, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and 15, at town hall, 6 to 8 p.m.

History committee: Carole said West Millbury history tours will run through June 2013, and are mostly booked. Committee is considering whether to extend tours into July and August.

The packets for schools are ready and will be distributed in January, encouraging schools to participate in the town's birthday party and teach about the town's history, beyond the bicentennial year.

Old business: Price adjustments have been made to ornaments and etched glasses. Some increases on clothing items, \$5 on selected items. Bill said planning is underway for ecumenical service. A small nucleus of religious in town are involved in the organization of the event, and as Bill outlined at the executive meeting and Roger reiterated at the regular meeting, there are advantages to having the service held at a large church such as St. Brigid's, which has adequate parking and so forth.

Roger followed up previous discussion of a legacy committee, whose task would be to take input from the general MBC membership and come up with recommendations for possible legacy projects, items, etc.

There were no immediate volunteers to chair the committee. Roger said there is not a large window to address the issue of a legacy, likely only a few months, and suggested that members of the MBC would be the most likely people to be part of such a committee.

Rob suggested that an email be sent to the entire MBC membership, outlining the idea. Roger suggested that MBC members also think about possible legacy projects and ideas.

Chain of Lights was very successful. Roger thanked volunteers. The committee brought in more than \$1,000 in sales, making it the single most successful one-day sales event for the MBC to date.

New business: Roger asked whether the MBC could encourage the town's businesses and residents to display a bicentennial theme for a two-week period leading up to and including the June 11, 2013, bicentennial day itself, as well as the celebration on June 15, 2013. Motion to adopt this as a plan by Mary Lou, second by Cyndi, unanimously approved.

Discussion of recognizing those who have gone above and beyond was tabled.

Roger asked MBC members to consider whether they want to produce a program to summarize all the events throughout the year, similar to those produced for the 1963 150th and 1988 175th anniversary celebrations of the town. If so, a committee would need to be established, which might include one member from each of the main MBC subcommittees.

Next meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2013, Asa Waters Mansion.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second by Denise, meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinacola
December 6, 2012