

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee – Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Location: Asa Water Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Executive Committee Members Present

Carole Chiras

Paul Raffa

Joyce Ostrowski

Roger Desrosiers

Robert Morton

Chris Sinicola (nonvoting)

William Kane, Sr.

Ronald Marlborough

Executive Committee Members Absent

None absent

Minutes

6:23 p.m. Meeting called to order

Approval of minutes:

Rob Morton moved to accept minutes of March 7 meeting, seconded by Carole Chiras, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report:

Joyce reports that she received a box of 10 reprints of the Centennial History, but had only one order, and invoice is \$513.95 and must be paid. Karen Gagliardi told her that she ordered 10 copies. The other nine can be sold through the committee, town's website, etc.

Joyce also presented an invoice from August 2012 showing an outstanding balance of \$259.50 for a previous order of books. The committee members will discuss with Karen and determine what to do next. Rob suggested that a letter be sent to Higginson Book Company notifying them that they should only accept orders coming from Joyce.

Net balance of \$198,700.58 (see attached financial documents). Influx of \$11,500 in the capital campaign.

Updates:

Bill reminded members who have not already done so to complete the online state ethics quiz.

Committee reports:

Finance/Fundraising: No report that can't wait until regular meeting.

Media: No report that can't wait until regular meeting.

Events: Ron reported Events Committee has meeting slated for April 12. Jamie Rembiszeski is expected to give an update on status of the balloon festival at tonight's regular committee meeting. Ron noted 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.

Bill said contract for sound is in place; that for Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra is with the orchestra; town finance director Brian Turbitt has contract for fireworks and it is being processed. Bill's said one remaining concern is getting quotes for busing for the Revolutionary War re-enactment. There is a need to define parking sites, logistics of transportation for this event, following which the MBC can get quotations for the busing. Roger said many history teachers he spoke with at a conference this past weekend are very interested in attending.

History: 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.

Old Business:

Contribution from Liberty Mutual: No further news, but committee intends to talk with them about possible sponsorship of some or all of a major event.

Correspondence with Millbury, Ohio: Roger to discuss at regular meeting.

Distribution of calendar of events for residents: Paul said a postcard is done, awaiting information on balloon festival. Wants to know whether calendar will go into an envelope or be sent as a postcard. Discussion of printing, mailing and postage options.

Roger asked whether there is any interest in a community committee, which might be organized by sending a letter to community groups to gauge their interest, alert them to events going on, etc.

New Business:

Nothing that can't be held until regular meeting.

Other:

Paul asked whether MBC has insurance for events in case of inclement weather. Bill said he has a 10-page contract but has not had time to review and complete it. Will discuss.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:15 p.m. at Asa Waters Mansion.

Adjournment:

Joyce moved, Paul seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinacola
April 5, 2012