

Montgomery 300th Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2013

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Board Conference Room

Present: Joe Walsh, Tanya Bamford, Stacy Crandell, Andrea Duffy, Larry Gregan, Kate Karatas, Janet McCrossen, Roy Rodriguez, Richard Roller, Bud Walleck, and Ginny Bailey.

Also present: Pastor Jim Camlin, Montgomery Baptist Church

Chairman Joe Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the November 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Historic House Tour Wrap-Up

Ginny reported that 216 “tickets” were sold but the actual attendance was 209. There were some timing issues with buses but that was to be expected. All in all, the comments were very favorable and several attendees called or sent emails letting the Committee know they had a great time and learned a lot about the history of the Township. Stacy reported that the Committee will have a profit of \$3,794.47 from the tour and Ginny reported that 6 carolers and 3 tiles were sold on Saturday.

Finance Report

Roy turned in the form for the Montgomery Industrial Development Authority to become a gold sponsor with a contribution of \$7,500. Roy works with the IDA to help secure loans for businesses in the Township.

An invoice for \$650 to Pretzel City was approved for the 5K run.

Old Business:

General Hancock Birthday/Kick Off Event

Stacy distributed the menu and information on General Hancock from the Joseph Ambler Inn. Instead of this being a money-making event as originally planned, it will now be a thank you to the sponsors and committee members. 100-120 invitations will be sent and the event should cost approximately \$7,500. Roy offered that the IDA would sponsor the event. The type of plaques to present to the sponsors was discussed and Stacy will look into getting a plaque where the 300th tiles could be incorporated.

Reenactment/Birthday Event/5K Run/Hunger Games

- Joe reported the trial run of the Hunger Games was successful and that Nancy and Sharon Tucker had it in “good shape.”
- Stacy distributed flyers for the 5K run with sponsorships. She researched the Wounded Warrior Project who will advertise and give support to the 5K run if we register the event, which will cost \$10 (a fee lower than their original fee of \$99 since it is the organization 10 year anniversary). The number of runners will be limited because the race will take place in the park but may also go through Mallard Pond. A map of the route will be provided to all runners and it would help if people would volunteer to direct traffic to keep the runners on the route. Stacy will finalize the route in the next few weeks.
- Roy was told that re-enactors meet in January and he will contact them then.
- Andrea said her neighborhood was interested in doing their service project in Neshaminy Falls and would be meeting with them in January. Andrea was asked to provide information on the Day of Service so we can put it on the Township website and TV channel.

Community Day

Stacy reported that she and Sharon Tucker were working hard on Community Day.

- Stage – Stacy found out that the stage from Upper Merion may not be available if someone in their township needs it. Stacy said they will know by July if the stage will be available and if not, Plan B is to rent one from A to Z Party Rentals.
- 3 of the 5 bands contacted have responded and will be available on the rain date if necessary.
- Sharon has been in contact with the amusements provider and has some fun amusements planned.
- Fireworks – Stacy has the contract ready for the fireworks company and the next step is to meet with them to find out if there are any limitations for placement of activities while the fireworks are being set-up. Some limitations discussed included providing shuttle buses due to limited parking and the elimination of the hay rides and corn maze since that’s where the fireworks display will be set up. Stacy said they also need to contact Neshaminy Falls because the fireworks will be close to the development.
- Village Tavern has not responded regarding the beer and wine tent so other contacts and vendors were discussed. Tanya will contact them again as well as other contacts she has and Ginny will get the name of the contact at Iron Hill Brewery.

Signage

Larry reported that we can’t put signs on traffic signals and PECO does not allow signs on their poles. Larry will go out with Kevin Costello, Public Works Director, to see where signs could be placed around the Township.

William Penn Inn

Roy said he received a flyer in the mail from the William Penn Inn that they are also celebrating their 300th anniversary in 2014. He stated that maybe someone can contact them and see about partnering with them next year.

New Business:

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, January 7th, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey