

Montgomery 300th Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2014

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Board Conference Room

Present: Joe Walsh, Stacy Crandell, Andrea Duffy, Larry Gregan, Janet McCrossen, Roy Rodriguez, Richard Roller, Don Simes, Bud Walleck, Nancy Walsh and Ginny Bailey.

Chairman Joe Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the January 7, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

Finance Report

Stacy reported that the Committee's current balance is \$57,360.14 and that there were still approximately \$8,700 pledged but not yet collected.

Invoices for the Joseph Ambler Inn for \$6,375 for the Hancock Dinner and \$374.50 for bags for the 5K run were approved for payment.

At Roy's suggestion, the Committee approved sending a donation of \$50 to the W.S. Hancock Society for Bruce Stocking's appearance at the Hancock Dinner.

Old Business:

Reenactment/Birthday Event/5K Run/Hunger Games

- Roy reported that he has been unable to contact reenactment groups and the traveling Vietnam Memorial. He has made numerous attempts but no one will get back to him.
- The schedule for the day was discussed:
 - 8:00 am – Registration for the 5K Run
 - 9:00 am – 5K Run begins
 - 11:00 am – Opening Ceremonies, presentation of Proclamations and prizes for runners
 - 12:00 pm – Stop Hunger Games begin
- Joe has spoken with veterans from Neshaminy Falls who seem willing to participate at the commemoration.
- State Senator Stewart Greenleaf and State Representative Todd Stephens are lined up to present proclamations. State Representative Kate Harper has been contacted and may or may not attend.
- Joe has someone lined up to sing the National Anthem.
- Stacy reported that 8 runners have signed up so far and sponsors have offered prizes such a

1 year membership at Planet Fitness, gift cards for Hand and Stone Massage, and Wawa gift cards. Stacy is still looking for more sponsors and prizes and said 2 more \$1,000 sponsors will help pay for the t-shirts.

- Stacy showed an example of the t-shirt volunteers would wear – runners will get white t-shirts and volunteers a light blue. April 4th is the deadline for runners who want a t-shirt.
- Hunger Games – The deadline for registration is May 1st and Nancy showed a copy of the flyer and registration form. Nancy will get a list from Manna about the types of donations they're looking for and monetary donations will be accepted. Sharon Tucker has sent information to the soccer and baseball associations and both Sharon and Nancy will contact specific coaches who might pass the information along. Nancy is also going to MMR and the Volunteer Corp at Pennbrook to see if they would be interested in participating. Sharon and Nancy are also trying to come up with ideas to make the day interactive for those not selected to participate and depending on the number of registrations, there will either be one game for 25 participants or timed games so more can participate. The kick-off will be showing the original Hunger Games movie on May 9th when teams or tributes will be selected.

Community Day

Stacy reported that she and Sharon Tucker have met with the fireworks company and Community Day coincides with the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner so there will be a patriotic section to commemorate the anniversary. They have someone who will handle the bands and all bands have been confirmed. Performing on Community Day will be a group from North Penn, Almost Fab, Red Alert, IV Stone, Dean Garafolo as Elvis, and the Mango Men. There will also be a DJ playing music near the amusements. Sharon has booked a petting zoo and is making arrangements for the usual Autumn Festival activities plus some amusements we haven't had before.

New Business:

Online Sales

Stacy reported that it is now possible to purchase carolers and tiles through the Montgomery 300 website. There are 3 forms available and emails are sent to Stacy, Sharon and Ginny when an item is purchased.

Oral Histories

Nancy said she and Kate have sent numerous emails to Jason and Shane but it's difficult to get a hold of college students. Nancy has asked for the raw footage to be able to pull out clips to add to the website. No new interviews are scheduled until Nancy is able to work with the interviews already taped.

Website

Stacy mentioned she went through the website and took off some of the topics or information that was no longer valid. She would like to add more information about the History Fair and 2014 House Tour and Rich said he would get that for her after a meeting next week.

300 Minutes of Service

After speaking with residents of Neshaminy Falls, Joe said they had concerns about people

volunteering in their community – particularly regarding background checks. There was discussion about the residents’ concerns and Andrea said she met with them to help get a Helping Hands group started. Andrea developed a form for the residents to use and the program would be residents helping residents which would make the residents more comfortable. After much discussion, Andrea said she would come up with a form and sign-in sheet that volunteers could use to document their hours and rather than be assigned a task at Manna or St. Mary’s Manor, volunteers would be encouraged to help out at their favorite charity. Another concern is that the volunteers completing 300 minutes would be recognized at Commemoration Day and Stacy asked how this would happen if a large number of people completed their minutes. Andrea, Janet and Nancy will try to work out some of the details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey