

Montgomery 300th Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2014

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Board Conference Room

Present: Joe Walsh, Tanya Bamford, Stacy Crandell, Andrea Duffy, Larry Gregan, Jim Kelly, Sue Ann Miller, Roy Rodriguez, Richard Roller, Bud Walleck 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 March 3, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

Finance Report

Stacy reported that the Committee's current balance is approximately \$59,000 and that the Univest check was in the mail, the Village Tavern is making their payments and the Cutler Group has one more payment.

Stacy also reported that online sales for the General Hancock caroler and Commemorative Tile have been very successful. (11 carolers and 6 tiles have been sold online to date.)

An invoice for \$524.02 was approved to pay the Township back for some purchases made by the Committee on the Township credit card.

Old Business:

Barnes & Noble Event

Sue reported that there will be special seating set up and light refreshments for the event. Sue will have the carolers and tiles available for sale. The first half hour will have Rich Roller and Lisa Knapp Siegel talking about the history of the Township and Joe Walsh will talk about the new Community Center and the exciting things going on in the Township now and in the future. The Community Center displays will be taken to Barnes & Noble so the people attending can see them. Lt. Simes asked if the event could be videotaped for the website and Roy offered to do it.

Reenactment/Birthday Event/5K Run/Hunger Games

- Joe asked if signs similar to the lawn signs put up for Autumn Festival could be made for Commemoration Day and put around the Township. Tanya offered to design the signs and will order 40-50. Public Works will post the signs as soon as they are finished from the printer. There was also discussion to have a 300th Anniversary banner made that could be displayed throughout the remainder of the year. Joe reported there is a new Township sign, similar to the stone walls for most Township developments, going north on Route 309 near Hartman Road.
- Stacy showed the final designs for the t-shirts for Commemoration Day. Volunteers would

get blue t-shirts and runners will get white t-shirts. Tanya suggested changing to font on the front of the shirt to something more “historic” looking.

- Stacy reported that only 55 runners have signed up for the event so far. It was suggested that maybe people are reluctant to sign up since Pretzel City is advertising it as a trail run and they’re afraid the trails will be muddy or uneven.
- \$3,600 have been raised for the Wounded Warriors but Stacy hasn’t bought t-shirts yet.
- Stacy distributed the list of prizes and asked the Committee to come up with more prizes for the runners. Stacy received a \$100 gift card from Wegman’s she will use to buy little water bottles and fruit. Students from Pennbrook Junior High have volunteered to stuff bags.
- Stacy is looking for volunteers between 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. 16 people have volunteered for all day with 6-8 volunteering for the morning only. Joe, Andrea, Jim and Roy volunteered and Tanya will be running the 5K.
- No one has signed up yet for the Hunger Games so it was suggested it be included in the Township e-blasts every week.
- No one has signed up yet for the volunteer hours so it was suggested pushing it off until the Community Day so there would be more time to promote it. Andrea will be designing a flyer that all will find acceptable. Volunteers would either use a form similar to the one used by the Honor Society for logging volunteer hours or they could get a letter on the charity’s letterhead documenting the hours.

Community Day

- The next planning meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday) night.
- Stacy and Sharon met with the Village Tavern and the meeting went well. They will be serving 3 kinds of wine and 2 kinds of beer and will sell the beer mugs for us. They are concerned about licensing but it shouldn’t be a problem.
- The fireworks are set but there is a concern about having enough electricity and generators for the musicians, light parking lots, etc.
- Another big concern is parking. Stacy said the Committee has discussed having shuttle buses from parking lots on Stump Road to Windlestrae.
- A new idea being considered is making arrangements with the food vendors for the volunteers to eat instead of having a food tent.
- Stacy said there is a real need for sponsors and vendors.

New Business:

Scavenger Hunt

Sue came up with two scavenger hunts (one based on General Hancock and one on Township information) and two word searches for children and families to do to get to know the Township better and have them available for all events. Completed puzzles could be returned to Ginny and all children completing the scavenger hunts would be awarded a patch similar to the Montgomery 300 logo. Initially the patches shown included the words, “scavenger hunt”, but it was suggested they be removed so the patches could be used throughout the year. The Committee decided to save the Township scavenger hunt for Community Day with the answers on signs placed at various vendors to promote visitor traffic in the vendor area. The Committee also approved the purchase of 300 patches.

History Fair

Roy passed around the flyers for the Montgomery County History Fair at the Knapp Farm on Saturday, September 13th and made a motion that the Committee take out a full page ad for \$100 which was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey