

MINUTES
ONE MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Cascade American Legion
January 23, 2008

President Gary Muller opened the meeting at 7pm. Other attendees were Karen Justice, Jamie Bowders, Kim Harbaugh, Jeff Coyle, Tom Rouzer, Nina Rouzer, Carla Warren, Donnie Forrest, Heather Bodnar, Jim Bittner, Mary Rae Cantwell, Helen Mency, and John Miller.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Bowders presented the Treasurer's report. The checkbook balance is \$3486.73 as of today. Jamie is still working on activating the corporate entity status with the State of Maryland after she discovered it had been forfeited for non-filing of tax returns. She should have this information and the appropriate paperwork completed for the IRS within the next few weeks. Hopefully we should have the official paperwork by the next OMF meeting. Also, the quote for the insurance policy should be available soon for review.

Committee Reports

Jamie reported that the **Mountaintop Heritage Days** checkbook has a balance of \$2183.96.

Jeff Coyle reported the activities of the **MTHD** committee. He discussed the calendar of events for this year's Mountaintop Heritage Days. The dessert theater and dinner theater is scheduled for April 11th and 12th at Lakeside Hall at Fort Ritchie. Alice Humphrey has been working on this project with the Blue Ridge Theater Guild. "Any Wednesday", a 60's comedy will be the show for the evenings planned and Alice has also selected a DJ that will play 60's music. There will be prize raffles and the committee is currently looking for sponsors. There will be 80 tickets available and the tickets may be available by the next meeting. Advertising is being planned. **A meeting for the Dessert/Dinner Theater is scheduled for February 5th at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in helping. The meeting will be held at Monterey Antiques or Alice Humphrey's Spring House.**

Jeff also reported that the soap box derby has been planned. COPT has graciously given permission to use Fort Ritchie for this event. Soap box derby practice will be April 19th and the actual race is scheduled for May 17th. Cowplop bingo is scheduled for May 25th at the Cascade American Legion. These are all fundraising efforts for the Mountaintop Heritage Days events. Jeff has received the MTHD Longaberger baskets and has sold 9 so far.

Jamie and Carla reported that 528 calendars have been sold so far with a clear profit of \$2600 for MTHD. Carla has already started collecting pictures for next year's calendars with a target closing date for selections. She is sending a letter out to request pictures of local churches. If the calendar can be taken to press then it can be on display for sale at this year's MTHD events instead of later this Fall.

John Miller reported that he has a scheduling conflict with this year's MTHD events and therefore will be unable to provide a Living History on the Battle of Monterey at Lions Club Park.

The next MTHD meeting will be held on February 13th at 7pm at Monterey Antiques or the Spring House.

Gary reported that COPT has scheduled a public meeting for Monday, February 4th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lakeside Hall, Fort Ritchie. COPT has allowed Gary a few minutes to speak and he will be able to layout the plans for this year's MTHD events and thank COPT and PMDC. The meeting will provide residents in neighboring communities with a peek at what will be happening at Fort Ritchie over the next 10 to 15 years.

Gary also reported that the Community Center Board is being formed for the community center that is currently under construction at Fort Ritchie. COPT will have 2 members, PMDC will have 2 members, and there will be 3 members from the community. Gary asked if anyone was interested in serving on this new board and Nina Rouzer was nominated to request a seat. Julie Sanders has also showed interest in serving on this board, and Gary pointed out that would be great to have a current OMF Board member and a previous OMF Board member serving at the same time to represent the interests of the community.

Kim, Jamie, and Nina reported they will meet in February for the **Membership and Resource Development Committee** to gather information and addresses for new members of OMF.

Karen gave an update on the Battle of Monterey sign at the Lions Club Park. She just received notification that the state of Pennsylvania is now requiring a signed letter from the President of the Lions Club for permission to place the sign there. She also stated she wants a new volunteer to chair the **Heritage Development Committee** and maybe somehow connect this committee to the MTHD committee.

Jeff suggested a project that would be connected to the heritage development in the area. He inquired on the owner of the area between the Blue Ridge Summit Library and the Plaza Restaurant. Jeff had an idea of making the area more pleasant by fixing some unsafe walking areas, adding picnic tables and benches, and doing some landscaping with the help of the Blue Ridge Garden Club. Gary is to contact Melanie at the library for further information.

Heather designed three different logos for use with **Public Relations** for signs, letterhead, labels, and other items that will become readily recognizable by the community. The Board voted and a design was selected. Heather is going to work on an additional font for the use of Mountaintop Heritage Days.

The next OMF Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 27th, 2008, at 7pm, at the Cascade American Legion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.