

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

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

Matt McLaughlin from the Record Herald met with members of the Board from 6:30 – 7:00 to interview them for a possible article on the OMF. He will inform Kim if/when the article will appear in the Record Herald. He will also speak to his editor to see if he can possibly cover future Board meetings.

Opening Comment

Gary made an opening comment to the Board to correct a misconception that appeared in the Record Herald regarding the Washington Township meeting on the proposed cell tower in Blue Ridge Summit. He attended the meeting and it was stated in the newspaper that he was there as part of OMF, which he pointed out, was incorrect. He attends these meetings as a Blue Ridge Summit resident and business owner and has not involved the OMF in any way.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Bowders reported the OMF checkbook balance to be \$1,273.65. She reported that all paperwork for the IRS and state of Maryland has been filed and accepted, bringing our filing status up to date.

Committee Reports

Jamie reported the **Mountaintop Heritage Days** checkbook has a balance of \$4,399.87.

Alice reported that the **Mountaintop Heritage Days** dinner/dessert theater went very well and she has received all positive remarks. She will soon start planning the Fall dinner theater that may be held at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. After all invoices were paid, Jamie reported a profit of \$1,350.00 on the dinner/dessert theater.

Carla has been working on the 2009 calendar and has the cover and 11 months finished. She is waiting on one more photo of the Camp David Chapel, which she hopes to have by the end of April. The calendar will hopefully go to the printer in May and should be available to sell at Mountaintop Heritage Days.

Jeff reported event planning is moving smoothly for Mountaintop Heritage Days. Washington Township has agreed on the parade route and the permit is available. The tickets for the Friday, June 20th, dance at the Fire Hall are being printed. Business sponsorship letters were mailed and donations are being received.

Gary mentioned that COPT asked for the MTHD calendar of events so they can help promote on their website, etc.

Jeff has received a \$100 donation from Faye Hiller and the Garden Club with the request that the money be used for prizes for the parade floats, etc. Lynn Ford asked the Washington Township Supervisors to serve as judges and they have accepted the invitation.

Nina stated she has a lot of the vendor applications available, so if anyone knows someone who is interested, they can contact her directly.

Kim distributed the meeting minutes from the joint museum meeting between PMDC and OMF on April 7th. Gary briefly reviewed the minutes and Karen made a motion to schedule a separate OMF meeting simply for the museum topic. Gary is to check with Kari Saavedra and James Smith to see if they are available to attend a meeting on May 7th. Kim will inform the Board of the date, time, and location.

Gary gave an update on the Civil War Trails marker at Rolando Woods Park. An agreement has been signed by the Lions Club for the state of PA. The Washington Township Supervisors helped move this project along with the Lions Club. Although the sign will not be placed by this year's Mountaintop Heritage Days, Gary hopes it will be available by Fall.

The Washington Townships Supervisors estimated that the project including site work and paving could cost around \$10,000 and the Township would complete the work. Gary circulated an email earlier in April that detailed the looped road at Rolando Woods to accommodate buses.

The \$5,000 grant that has been set aside by Franklin County in 2006 can only be used to promote and educate the public about the Battle of Monterey and can not be used toward site work or paving. John Miller and Gary came up with an idea for a Civil War roundtable that could raise money to offset the CWT sign. They suggested using the \$5,000 grant money to underwrite a meet and greet with noted Civil War authors Kent Masterson Brown, Eric Whittenberg, and Ted Alexander. Mr. Whittenberg and Mr. Alexander have agreed to help with this effort and John stated he is to be interviewed by the "Civil War News" to discuss the OMF's role in the establishment of the Battle of Monterey sign and history. By having the Civil War roundtable and charging attendees a fee, money can be raised to help with the sign expenses. A large event could possibly bring about \$45 - \$50 per person for an all day event. Possible location of the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall with different speakers throughout the day would be ideal.

An opening for a state grant will be available in early May, so Karen volunteered to help Gary write the grant and she will email to Board to proofread.

John Miller has written a book on the Battle of Monterey, but is unable to get it published. He has broken this work down into a 38 page booklet he sells for \$10 on his Monterey Pass website. If the OMF can publish the booklet and sell it for \$10 at the roundtable, we will donate 90% of the profit back to the OMF. The remaining profit he will use to continue his research into the Battle of Monterey. He is asking for anyone's help in obtaining photos, archives, and geological maps.

Carla made a motion and the Board voted to use some of the \$5,000 grant money to print John's pamphlet and sell it, making a profit for OMF and getting his pamphlet out there to the public. Alice will take the pamphlet to NBN for printing.

Another question was raised regarding the website through the **Membership and Resource Communications Committee**. Kim is to check with Heather to make sure she has full administration of the website from Dana Burns.

Jamie mentioned that the membership dues are due by the Board members. The membership mailings will hopefully go out in May once they are printed. Jamie will check all membership dues already paid and let the Board members know what is owed.

Jeff has spoken to Steve Harbaugh regarding the Mason Dixon marker project and he will come up with a plan to get it repaired. He will then let the Board members know so we can schedule time to complete the project.

John Miller will have a small group of re-enactors at Ft. Ritchie on June 28th. Jeff is to check to see if a cannon is still available there for use by the re-enactors.

Jeff reminded everyone that the next MTHD events will be in May, during Memorial Day weekend at the Cascade American Legion. A car show and a cow prize bingo have been planned. The soapbox derby has been moved to the Fall due to construction at Ft. Ritchie.

The next OMF Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 28th, 2008, at 7pm, at the Cascade American Legion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.