



## MINUTES

### **ONE MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION**

#### ***Board of Directors Meeting***

#### ***Fort Ritchie Community Center***

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Chairman Gary Muller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Board members were present: Bill Carter, Jamie Bowders, Kim Harbaugh, John Miller, Alicia Miller, Alice Humphrey, Nina Rouzer, Tom Rouzer, Heather Bodnar and Randy Humphrey.

Absent Board members: Jeff Coyle, Jim Bittner, Joe Jacobs and Mary Esta Scruggs.

Foundation members and guests included: Mike MacDonald and Rich Keller.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Nina motioned to accept the secretary's report and Jamie seconded the motion.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jamie Bowders presented the treasurer's report. The OMF checkbook balance is \$470.28. The Mountaintop Heritage Days checkbook has a balance of \$763.87. Jamie is depositing money for the vendor applications for the 2009 event and the spring dinner theater tickets. She said she will have enough money to make a down payment on the insurance premium of \$1,720, which will stay the same for 2009. She has almost finished the State of Maryland tax return and has worked on the federal return. The federal return has increased from a one page report to a nine page report since the organization made over \$25,000 in 2008. Bill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Alice seconded the motion.

#### **Board Actions**

Gary introduced guest Rich Keller and thanked him for attending the meeting. Rich stated he was interested in finding out more about the community and the One Mountain Foundation.

Bill Carter gave a report on attending the PMDC BOD meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. He said that Dori Nipps, the new Executive Director is committed to improving communication with OMF. Dori has been in touch with Mary Alexander regarding the charrette for the museum and will keep OMF informed.

Bill learned that the PenMar DVD premiere was by invitation only and the OMF was not invited or contacted regarding the release of the DVD. Two showings of the documentary will be shown at the Fort Ritchie Community Center on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Duke Martin had indicated to Kim that he and Lynn Ford were no longer involved in the project.



Dori is trying to arrange a visit to Fort Ritchie by the Maryland Secretary of Economic Development. She is not only working with Washington County Commissioners, but also with the Waynesboro Council and Franklin County Commissioners on the event and presentations.

COPT reported that the cell tower should be operational by the end of April.

Bill also attended the Catoctin Mountain National Scenic Byway meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. This organization meets four times a year and is developing an idea of Route 15 becoming a scenic byway from Charlottesville, VA to Gettysburg, PA, "Journey through Hallowed Ground" that will detail the historic events that occurred on both sides of Route 15. John Miller said more information can be found on [www.emmitsburg.net](http://www.emmitsburg.net).

Bill reported that Kim drafted an outline for the policy handbook that is to be developed by the Rules Committee. The outline will need fleshed out and the individual policies written. Bill suggested completion by September 2009.

#### **Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee**

Jeff was absent from the meeting so Gary reported for the MTHD Committee. The events have been condensed to one weekend, June 27-28, 2009. A parade will be held in Blue Ridge Summit and a 5k race is being planned from Blue Ridge Summit to Fort Ritchie Community Center.

Joe Jacobs, new Board member and Director of FRCC, was unable to attend the meeting, but forwarded a copy of the MTHD events that the FRCC and staff will host, including the FRCC open house, the 5k race, lake boating and kids and youth sports programs.

Gary said that the MTHD Committee is looking into hosting a Kansas City BBQ event at the 2010 MTHD. The Committee has acquired the information to sign up for this event and will review it and return to the Board. Gary said that a separate committee will probably be created for this event in July and work will begin to bring this event to our area.

Gary and Jeff are awaiting a proposal from Bob Steele and Precision Motorsports for a cruise-in at this year's MTHD. Precision Motorsports will take care of all publicity and planning and will hopefully draw participants, corporate sponsors, and spectators to Fort Ritchie for the two day event. The money collected from the corporate sponsors can offset the costs of the stage and sound system. WAYZ will also be doing broadcasting for our event this year. The participants can also benefit local hotels and bed and breakfasts. Nina commented that she has at least 60 vendors so far.

Mike MacDonald and Jeff are still exploring the Haunted House idea at Fort Ritchie. Maryland state code requires sprinklers and the old mess hall at Fort Ritchie does not have electricity or running water. Mike is working on a budget and trying to get the fire marshal to inspect. He said there are some real



challenges, but Jeff and Mike will work with Bill Hofmann of COPT to try and resolve any issues. Mike also commented that he may need storage soon for the materials and props he has collected.

#### **Dinner Theater**

Alice Humphrey said the spring dinner theater posters should be printed soon. She asked that if anyone sees the signs blown over to please stop and pick them up for her. Gary said that the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce was running the dates for the dinner theater on their reader board and website. Alice said that if anyone wants to come only for the show the ticket will be \$20 at the door.

Nina said they were collecting sponsors to pay for the playbill, which is \$600.

#### **Heritage Development Committee**

John Miller and Gary will meet with Chris Frisbee from Franklin County Tourism regarding the grant money from Franklin County. John gave an update for grant money that can be used for a documentary on the Battle of Monterey Pass. He also gave an overview of the accomplishments of the Monterey Pass Association. John said a Civil War driving tour will include possibly seven markers on the mountain, including one at Rolando Woods, Hawley Memorial Church and Fountaindale Fire Department. John displayed the driving tour markers.

John has set a date for the Heritage Development Committee to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The meeting dates will be on the Monterey Pass website at [www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass/hdc.htm](http://www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass/hdc.htm). A location for the meetings will be determined closer to the meetings.

Gary said the Lions Club deeded a portion of the property at Rolando Woods to the state of Pennsylvania for the Civil War Trails marker that will be placed on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary said we will need to plan a dedication ceremony throughout the work week to invite state and county dignitaries. Gary said the Blue Ridge Garden Club may be interested in helping with a clean-up day and landscaping duties.

#### **Old Business**

Heather said she was too busy to review the website ads, so the issue was tabled until the March meeting.

The FRCC is supposed to roll out a community calendar on their website soon. Heather recommended linking to that calendar because otherwise she would have to pay her programmer to do calendar design work. She will research the issue and wait for the FRCC to launch their website and calendar. Bill recommended setting a goal to have an active community calendar before Mountaintop Heritage Days.



Jamie reported that Carla Warren has decided to give up the calendar project due to health issues. She will advise and direct someone else to do the project if needed. So far only 150 2009 calendars have been sold. Bill Coyle was recommended to help with the calendar project since he has an interest in history and finding old photographs. A theme would be needed for 2010 and Heather and Alice said they would be interested in helping. A calendar committee can be created at next month's meeting.

#### **New Business**

Jamie said there was no real need to keep the post office box in Cascade, Maryland. The Foundation is incorporated in Maryland and as long as there is a Maryland physical address that's all that is required. Kim's address is currently being used. Tom made a motion to discontinue the Cascade post office box and save on the rental fees and Nina seconded the motion.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE: Next OMF meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Harbaugh  
Secretary