



**One Mountain Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 7:00 P.M.  
Fort Ritchie Community Center, Maryland**

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

Absent Board members: Gary Muller, Jim Bittner, Joe Jacobs, Alice Humphrey and Mary Esta Scruggs. Foundation members and guests included: Donna Pryor and Bev Coyle.

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

Minutes from the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Nina motioned to accept the secretary's report and Randy seconded the motion. Bill suggested that all future meeting minutes should be circulated as a DRAFT copy until they are approved at the next meeting. Heather will release the minutes to the website once the minutes are approved by the Board.

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

Jamie Bowders presented the treasurer's report. The OMF checkbook balance is \$2,276.90. The Mountaintop Heritage Days checkbook has a balance of \$1,834.87. Jamie has completed the 2008 taxes. She is working on budget and financial statements for the Washington County, MD gaming grant. Jamie said the Foundation is still receiving mail at the Cascade Post Office box even though it had been closed. There is a \$30 box fee. Jeff motioned to re-open the PO Box in Cascade and Nina seconded the motion. All Foundation correspondence will eventually be moved to the PO Box in Cascade and the Blue Ridge Summit PO Box will be closed. Jeff motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Nina seconded the motion.

#### **Board Actions**

Bill reported on the April 20<sup>th</sup> PMDC meeting. The cell tower being built next to Fort Ritchie should be available shortly. Bill pointed out that PMDC is the prime sponsor for the Blue Ridge Summit Library's ice cream social once again and they have over \$6 million in assets. He suggested that the OMF could possibly approach PMDC for help with some of our projects. He also said Dori Nipps has been in touch with Senator Mulkulski about tenants for Fort Ritchie. Fort Detrick will possibly be looking for real estate in the future. COPT is working on a development plan and will brief it once it is ready.

Bill reported that OMF has a signed agreement with Russ Richards and Historical Entertainment to show the Pen Mar documentary at Mountaintop Heritage Days. OMF will receive \$5 for each ticket sold for the showing and \$5 on each DVD sold.

Bill and Jeff reported that the Performance Motorsports contract for the cruise-in at MTHD has not been accomplished so Donna Pryor and Jeff are working on a smaller cruise-in during the same time of MTHD.

Gary, Jeff, Kim and Jim attended a workshop for the Washington County Gaming Commission grants on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Kim and Jamie are currently working on the grant request, which is due by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Funds from all gaming in Washington County are available to non-profit organizations throughout the county. If the grant request is successful the funds can be used to promote events for MTHD and help sponsor a possible mountaintop museum.

### **Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee**

Jeff said the parade permits have been applied for with Washington Township. The parade is to begin at 9am at the Blue Ridge Summit Library and should last about a half hour. 5k run will then be lead by police escort to Fort Ritchie. The FRCC is in charge of the 5k run, lake activities and kids' games. Jeff and John Miller are working on the schedule to include the Civil War programs and Jeff is still waiting on entertainment confirmations. A band will play during the fireworks and there are helicopter rides planned as well. Jeff mentioned there will be a cleanup of the area to be used for the helicopter rides. Scavenger hunt and ball game is planned for the Sunday of MTHD. Marketing, ads, and articles will probably begin about six weeks before the event. Jeff will get a tentative schedule to Heather to place on website.

Nina said work on the athletic fields for FRCC is to begin within two to three weeks. The fields may be a mess for MTHD, but she will still have grass area available for the vendors.

### **Heritage Development Committee**

John Miller has planned a dedication ceremony for the Civil War Trails sign at the Lions Club Rolando Woods for Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be there from 9 – 5 pm and may possibly do two tours from Hawley to Rolando. He said he may need help building the frames for the interpretation markers at Rolando Woods. Washington Township now requested a letter to be sent to the Lions Club regarding the exact location of the sign, but they have not received a response from the Lions Club.

A Civil War Trails sign has been approved for Pen Mar Park as part of the heritage area in Maryland. John is working on interpretive marker.

John, Gary and Bill have been talking with Russ Richards of Historical Entertainment regarding a Battle of Monterey DVD, but funding continues to be an issue. John is looking at quotes from other filming/production companies as well. He stressed that the OMF needs to spend time on preserving the history of the mountain through audio and/or video interviews.

### **Old Business**

Heather suggested that the website ads be available on the homepage for an introductory price of \$50 for 3 months for sponsors. This would include a sidebar banner ad the size of a business card. Ads placed on other pages on the website could go for \$30 for 3 months for the same size. She was the first business to buy an ad and place it on the website. The Membership and Resource Committee will try to sell ads to local businesses. Heather suggested continuing to push the OMF website on all press releases, etc. She said eventually if we have enough traffic on the website we can offer sponsor coupons.

The FRCC does not yet have their website up or a community calendar. Heather said a Google community calendar could be placed on the OMF website which would display the events for OMF. The calendar could be opened up to the rest of the community at a later date.

Heather said she will help out with the layout of the 2010 calendar. Bev and Bill Coyle are working on collecting pictures of old homes on the mountain.

Kim and Jamie said the 2009 calendars did not sell and suggested selling them for less at MTHD events and advertise them as a collector's item.

#### **New Business**

Heather commented that she was involved with the Frederick County Mental Health Association for a black tie gala with silent/live auction and they cleared \$115,000 in one night. She suggested this is something OMF could possibly do in the future to raise funds.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

***PLEASE NOTE: Next OMF meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Harbaugh  
Secretary