



**One Mountain Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, May 27, 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, Jim Bittner, Joe Jacobs, Alicia Miller and John Miller. Absent Board members: Gary Muller, Alice Humphrey and Mary Esta Scruggs. Foundation members and guests included: Donna Pryor, Bev Coyle, Sheldon Rouzer and Bob Hondal.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed. Nina motioned to accept the secretary's report and Jeff seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jamie Bowders presented the treasurer's report. The OMF checkbook balance is \$1,244.52. The Mountaintop Heritage Days checkbook has a balance of \$3,046.61. There have been no problems with the filing of the 2008 taxes so far. Jamie's computer was down so she was unable to give an updated P&L statement. She said the business sponsorships for MTHD are low so far this year. She has received \$500 from Hagerstown Community College and expects another \$500 from M&T Bank. The Franklin County bingo and small chances licenses are due for renewal by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Jamie said that all \$5,000 of the PA grant money has been utilized. Joe motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Tom seconded the motion.

**Board Actions**

Bill reported on the May 11<sup>th</sup> PMDC meeting. An associate of Russ Richards of Historical Entertainment gave the PMDC Board a briefing regarding a Fort Ritchie DVD. It will cost \$1,200/minute to produce the DVD and will take twelve months to film. This includes a couple different videos in a series. Historical Entertainment would retain the copyright. Bill mentioned that the Board was generally appreciative and thought that Historical Entertainment's approach was a good one. A few members had reservations and wanted to discuss it further in the Closed Session. A pre-charette meeting was held with attendance by Mary Alexander, Washington County Maryland Tourism, Washington County Maryland Museum Director, PMDC, and COPT. A decision was made not to hold the charette for the Fort Ritchie museum at this time until the team could become more organized. PMDC voted to purchase the Pen Mar miniature carousel and other Pen Mar artifacts from the owner for \$3,000. They will have items refurbished and stored for future display. The cell tower will potentially have Sprint access. The construction bids are in for the sports fields by the community center, but the project has been postponed indefinitely for financial reasons.

The letter agreement between OMF and Historical Entertainment for the Battle of Monterey DVD has been given to Russ Richards for his lawyer and associate to review. John Miller is to meet with Russ regarding his participation in the project and his new battlefield driving tour.

The grant request for the Washington County Gaming Commission was completed and turned in. A presentation before the Gaming Commission Board has been scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 am. The presentation is limited to only 5 minutes and Gary and Bill will conduct the presentation.

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

Jeff has the MTHD schedule almost complete and ready for distribution. He is trying to gather volunteers for the two day event. Each volunteer will receive a free fluorescent orange tee shirt to wear during the event. The car show flyers have been distributed at other car shows and local businesses. The flyers were designed by Bev Coyle's son, Bill, and were printed for less than \$100. Business sponsors are being sought for the tee shirts for the car show. A map will be designed and handed out at the gate the days of the event. The Williamsport Blue Band will play patriotic music during the fireworks. Jeff hopes to pay homage to veterans before the fireworks. Anyone with information on our local veterans can contact Jeff Coyle. Gary is working on press releases and ads will begin to run in the local newspapers. Jeff suggested that volunteers could come from Washington County schools, because all seniors need community service hours to graduate. Bev said she would contact Smithsburg High School. Jeff said Hagerstown Community College would also send requests/emails out for volunteers. Nina is trying to contact Victor Cullen as well. The Friday before MTHD they will be setting up and making sure the residents on Fort Ritchie are aware of road closings on the base. The Fountaindale Fire Department has bus tours scheduled at 10 am, 1:15 pm, and 4:30 pm, leaving from the Community Center. Jeff said the response to the parade is very low this year. Kim and Bill are working on a new OMF information display to be displayed at the information table this year. Jeff asked for anyone with ATVs, golf carts or other small vehicles to be used during the event for traffic control, transport and trash.

MTHD meetings will be held every two weeks June, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 will conduct two walking tours. The tours will began immediately following the ceremony and another is scheduled for 6 pm. Alicia has completed an invitation list to all dignitaries, press and interested persons. She will email the invitation as soon as possible. John's driving tour will be unveiled at the dedication ceremony as well.

John and the committee are also gearing up for the fall Civil War seminar with the theme "Thunder on the Mountain – Fighting Along the Mason and Dixon Line." They are looking at September 26<sup>th</sup> or October 3<sup>rd</sup>. John is waiting for confirmation from Ted Alexander, who will be a speaker. Nina pointed out that the dinner theater is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. So John set a tentative date for September 26<sup>th</sup>. Another meeting will need to be held to determine the grant money/requests for the second seminar.

John pointed out that the committee discussed the purchase of a cannon, but it would probably cost at least \$45,000. Plus it costs approximately \$600 - \$800 to fire two shots. It said it would be a great educational program, but it would be a lot of responsibility.

**Old Business**

Clean up day for the Monterey Pass Battlefield Trails Marker was discussed. Jeff said he could have Bill Coyle come by and mow the area before the event if needed. Alicia asked for tables for the dedication ceremony and Jeff said he would make sure he had them available.

**New Business**

Bill stressed that collecting local living histories was very important for the history at Fort Ritchie, the railroad era, hotels, etc. He said he would follow up with Dr. Morgan of Washington County Schools for projects for next year's students.

Guest/member Bob Hondal complimented the efforts of the current Board of Directors and said how pleased he was with how organized and productive the board has become. He lives in Florida and only comes back to the area a few months out of the year. He hopes to be able to volunteer during this year's events.

Kim said that Washington Township, PA Supervisor Elaine Gladhill would like to share the One Mountain Foundation meeting agendas and meeting minutes with the Washington Township agenda. This would get the word out on what OMF is doing for the community to other Township residents and elected officials. The Board agreed this would be benefit communication.

The Board voted to cancel the June meeting because it falls the same week as Mountaintop Heritage Days.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE: Next OMF meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Harbaugh  
Secretary