



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

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

Absent Board members: Jeff Coyle, Joe Jacobs, Nina Rouzer, Alice Humphrey, Randy Humphrey, Heather Bodnar and Mary Esta Scruggs. Joe Jacobs and Nina Rouzer joined the meeting around 8:00pm. Members and guests included: Donna Pryor and Joan Fry.

Chairman Gary Muller thanked the attendees for the team effort for the success of Mountain Top Heritage Days. He also thanked Donna Pryor, Joan Fry and Nina Rouzer for their support at the Blue Ridge Summit ice cream social. Gary read a note from Joan Fry and presented the Board with a \$1,000 donation from proceeds of her book on the State Sanatorium at Victor Cullen.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the June 24th meeting were approved. Jamie motioned to accept the meeting minutes and John seconded the motion. There being no quorum, Gary's vote was included in the acceptance of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Bowders presented the treasurer's report. The OMF checkbook balance is \$950.44. The Mountaintop Heritage Days checkbook has a balance of \$1,083.17. The Profit and Loss statement for 2009 shows \$24,082.17 in receivables, \$22,048.56 in expenses with a net income of \$2,033.61. Gary contacted the company that displayed the fireworks and corrected an invoice discrepancy. Tom motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and John seconded the motion. Gary's vote was included in the acceptance of the report.

Board Actions

Bill Carter resigned as the Vice Chair to take a seat on the PMDC Board of Directors. He contacted the Maryland Board of Ethics and was informed that he could not serve as an officer on both boards. He will be able to sit on committees for the One Mountain Foundation and will stay involved. After his appointment to the PMDC Board he was appointed Chair of the Museum Committee and will be taking over for Jack Simpson. He is currently going through files regarding the potential museum and will report to the OMF Board on his progress as well as work with members on the project. Jim motioned to accept Bill's resignation and Tom seconded the motion. Gary's vote was included in the acceptance of his resignation.

Gary reported information about OMF and future events was distributed at the Blue Ridge Summit Library's ice cream social. He received many compliments on Mountain Top Heritage Days. Jamie is

already working on a list of volunteers for next year's event. It was suggested that marketing material be ordered to hand out at events, such as ink pens, key chains, etc. Bill has already done some research on other materials for the display table.

Bill and Gary presented the grant request on July 21st to the Washington County Gaming Commission Board. Results should be available in August.

John said the Battle of Monterey filming had taken place over the 4th of July weekend. It was difficult with so many of the re-enactors being in Gettysburg for their event. Russ hopes to have a trailer available within the next month and possible release of film by Christmas. Russ will interview John within the next week for the film. OMF will need to be prepared to market and sell the DVD according to the contract. Bill pointed out that a merchant processing account on the website would be ideal. Paypal was being considered.

Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee

Gary reported that Mountain Top Heritage Days went well and reports from the non-profits food vendors were satisfactory. Possible ways to create more income from the event included a parking fee at next year's event. Jamie reported that \$3,966.48 in donations was received at the gate.

Bill shared the Franklin County tourism booklet which includes information on Mountain Top Heritage Days.

Gary asked for a vote to set the date for next year's event for local visitor's bureaus to include in their upcoming marketing. June 26 – 27, 2010 was chosen. Jamie motioned to accept these dates, Kim seconded the motion and all were in favor. Gary's vote was included in the acceptance of the dates.

Heritage Development Committee

John thanked his staff and the One Mountain Foundation for the Civil War Trails dedication. He reported low turnout at his Civil War encampment during MTHD, but attributed it to so many activities. Alicia and John are still planning the fall Civil War seminar but feel it will have to be moved back because of the timeframe. November or early spring 2010 might be a better choice.

The Civil War Trails marker at Pen Mar Park dedication is being planned. John and Gary are coordinating with Tom Riford of the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. A few dates are being discussed.

Membership & Resource Communications Committee

Kim reported that web statistics show traffic increased around Mountain Top Heritage Days. This included visits through links from local media.

Nina motioned to have the Committee meet and review the proposed 2009-2010 membership campaign in August and report back to the Board. Kim, Jamie, Nina and Heather are currently on this committee. Jamie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jamie also passed out the general membership list for reference.

Old Business

Discussion on website ads and the community calendar on the website was moved to August.

The calendars were a good fundraiser in 2008, but 2009 calendars did not sell well. Work on the 2010 calendar needs to be started. A theme and pictures need to be selected.

New Business

Nina motioned to revisit the by-laws within the next month to have recommendations available for the August meeting, voting in September and the membership meeting in October. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Gary volunteered to chair the by-law committee because he will not be returning as chair in October. He suggested that the remaining officers should not chair for conflict of interest. A new chair and vice chair will be selected at the October membership meeting. Bill and Nina volunteered to sit on the by-law committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Next OMF meeting will be held Wednesday, August 26th at 7 pm, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Harbaugh
Secretary