



**One Mountain Foundation
Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 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, Alice Humphrey, Jeff Coyle, Tom Rouzer, Jim Bittner, Nina Rouzer, Alicia Miller, John Miller and Heather Bodnar.

Absent Board members: Joe Jacobs and Mary Esta Scruggs.

Members and guests included: Heather Carter, Steve Graham, Bev Coyle, Bill Coyle, Lisa Cantwell, Dick Gladhill and Elaine Gladhill.

In his opening remarks Gary Muller gave an overview of the One Mountain Foundation accomplishments including the first mountaintop survey that eventually led to the development of the Fort Ritchie Community Center, the Mountaintop Heritage Days events held in Blue Ridge Summit and Fort Ritchie, spring and fall dinner theaters and the dedications of the Civil War Trails markers in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Bev Coyle thanked everyone for attending and read a statement from Joe Jacobs, Director of Fort Ritchie Community Center, who was unable to attend. In his statement he welcomed everyone to the community center.

Secretary's Report

Kim Harbaugh described how she compiles and distributes the monthly meeting minutes. A draft version of the minutes is sent first to the Board of Directors and once the minutes are approved at the next month's meeting, the minutes are posted to the One Mountain Foundation's website.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Bowders presented the treasurer's report. The Profit and Loss statement for 2009 shows \$36,578.49 in receivables, \$35,163.06 in expenses with a net income of \$1,415.43. Fundraising efforts come from the Mountaintop Heritage Days events, dinner theaters and donations.

Vice Chairman Bill Carter detailed the projects for 2010. Mountaintop Heritage Days will be held June 26th and 27th, 2010 at Fort Ritchie. This event requires a lot of volunteers and donations and any help is greatly appreciated. This event helps other local non-profits and churches in fundraising as well as area crafters and businesses. Other fundraisers planned include a spring comedy dinner theater titled "Is there Life After 50?" by the Blue Ridge Theater Guild to be held at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall with dinner catered by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Dates have yet to be determined, but the spring theater is normally held in April.

A recipe book titled, "Still Cookin' on the Mountain" is being compiled for a possible Easter sell date. Recipes are still being accepted.

The third calendar fundraiser for 2010 is being designed and should be available before Christmas. This year's theme is pictures of antique cars taken at area residences.

Possible future projects include a Mountain Vintage Wine Festival in collaboration with the Maryland Wine Grower's Association. This project is being explored and possible dates to be coordinated with only two other wine fests in the state of Maryland.

A Mountain Thunder car show, a professionally judged car show aside from Mountaintop Heritage Days events is also being explored.

A museum at Fort Ritchie is in the research stages with PenMar Development Corporation. A mission statement has been developed and a building has been offered at Fort Ritchie. Fundraising efforts be needed to reach the estimated \$3.5 million to get the museum up and running.

Membership Committee

Alicia Miller gave the membership committee report. The OMF currently has 69 members. The 2009 membership drive began in August and 2,108 membership pamphlets were sent out on October 15th to Sabillasville, Cascade, Blue Ridge Summit and Fairfield areas. Paper for the printing of the membership pamphlets was donated by Tom & Nina Rouzer, M&T Bank, and the Fort Ritchie Community Center and the FRCC donated the copies. So far from the membership drive there have 7 new members, 1 renewal and \$270 in donations. About 100 business sponsorship letters were mailed as well and have received one new gold level sponsor at the \$750 level, Three Old Souls.

Heritage Development Committee

John Miller, founder of The Monterey Pass Battlefield Association and chair of the Heritage Development Committee has combined his efforts working with the One Mountain Foundation. These volunteers are currently working with local tourism departments and other organizations to prepare for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Their efforts include historical interpretative programs, historical tours, living histories and working with other Civil War organizations. A proposed moving historical exhibit that will include artifacts from the resort era, Western Maryland Railroad and other historical areas will help in processing and cataloging artifacts for a potential mountaintop museum. John detailed the expansion of the Monterey Pass Battlefield Association website as well as creating a mountaintop scrapbook of history website sponsored by emmitsburg.net. This will be an online archive of historic articles relating to all time periods within the four corners of our community. This project will be unveiled in time for Mountaintop Heritage Days 2010. The past achievements include hosting the Thunder on the Mountaintop seminar in 2008, the dedication of the Pennsylvania Civil Wars Trails Wayside located at the Lion's Club Park and the dedication of the Maryland Civil War Trails Wayside at Pen Mar Park in 2009.

Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee

Jeff Coyle, Chair of Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee, reported that the event has grown to over 100 vendors and approximately 15,000 people, enabling local non-profits to raise approximately \$18,000. Events are being expanded again in 2010 to include steam engines and demonstrations. Jeff

asked for volunteer help and invited anyone who is interested to attend the monthly Mountaintop Heritage Days meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at the FRCC.

Nominating Committee

Kim Harbaugh gave the Nominating Committee report. The committee met in October and reported to the board on October 28th. John Miller and Tom Rouzer were suggested to serve a second term on the Board of Directors and Bev Coyle and Lisa Cantwell were suggested as nominees to fill the two vacant board seats. Gary Muller then asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, all members cast their ballot. Kim and Jamie tallied the ballots and the following results were determined:

Tom Rouzer – elected to 2nd term; John Miller – elected to 2nd term; Lisa Cantwell – new Board member; Bev Coyle – new Board member

Board officers will be selected at the November 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

The new Board members and their terms are as follows:

2007-2010	2009-2012	2008-2011
Bittner, Jim	Miller, John 2 nd term	Humphrey, Alice 2 nd term
Bodnar, Heather	Rouzer, Tom 2 nd term	Rouzer, Nina
Bowders, Jamie - Treasurer	Cantwell, Lisa	Carter, Bill - Vice Chair
Coyle, Jeff	Coyle, Bev	Humphrey, Randy
Harbaugh, Kim - Secretary		
Jacobs, Joe		
Miller, Alicia		

Website

Heather Bodnar outlined her efforts to redesign the website and incorporate local advertising and a possible calendar of events in the future.

Gary Muller thanked everyone for attending and gave a reminder that the Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the FRCC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Harbaugh
Secretary