

***One Mountain Foundation
Board of Directors
Monday, April 24, 2011, 7:00 PM
Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade, MD***

Opening Remarks

Persons present: Bill Carter, Alice Humphrey, Kim Harbaugh, Jim Bittner, Frank Mummert, Carrie Mummert, Nina Rouzer, Tom Rouzer, Bev Coyle, Dave Sanders, and Jeff Coyle. Absent were: Bobbi Trostle and Jamie Bowders.

Bill Carter reported that OMF had a good month so far, especially with the Spring Dinner Theater on April 1-3.

Ed Evans, who worked for NBN and printed our calendar for the past four years, passed away on Saturday, April 16. Bill will send a card to his wife from the Board.

March 28, 2011 Minutes

On a Nina Rouzer/Kim Harbaugh motion and unanimous voice vote, the minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Dave Sanders reported that the checking account balance is \$5,397.51, with \$6,696.40 to deposit. Outstanding bills include Mountain Gate Family Restaurant and BRS Garden Club for services at the Spring Dinner Theater. On a Tom Rouzer/Jim Bittner motion and unanimous voice vote, the financial report was approved.

A letter was received from Bob Spence thanking OMF for our \$200 donation from the Monterey Pass DVD premier event to the FRCC.

A request was received from the FRCC requesting funding sponsorship of the 2011 FRCC summer camp. Sponsorship levels start at \$50 and go to \$500. Sponsorship at each level will result in some type of recognition, either on a list in the FRCC, on the FRCC website, or on the official camp t-shirt given to each summer camp participant. On a Tom Rouzer/Jim Bittner motion and unanimous voice vote, \$100 was approved for sponsorship.

OMF Executive Committee Actions

No actions were taken this month.

Events Committee

Nina Rouzer said 155 people attended the April Dinner Theater and "a good time was had by all."

Mountain Heritage Days Committee will quickly hold the board meeting and come back at the end.

The Armed Forces Day event will not be held. There are too many competing activities each weekend in the month. Bill Carter will notify the insurance company to adjust the list of activities.

Heritage Development Committee

The name of the organization replacing the Washington Township's Battle of Monterey Pass Battlefield Committee is *Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield*. Bill mentioned at last month's meeting that an 11-member board has been selected by the Washington Township Manager. The new group held its initial organizational meeting on April 21. Officers elected were: Alicia Miller, Chair; Terry Eisenhauer, Vice Chair; Gary Muller, Secretary; and Charlie Strausbaugh, Treasurer. The remaining seven are board members: Ted Alexander, Ken Brown, Bill Carter, John Gorman, Steve Patterson, Lee Royer, and Darwin Seiler. This group will be developing by-laws and filing for incorporation in order to file an application for recognition of exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The group discussed at length ideas for raising funds to assist in the purchase of Mary Rae Cantwell's property. They also discussed how to get the group recognition in the community and how to leverage other events already scheduled in the community. MTHD and Renfrew's planned Reenactment of the Battle of Monterey Pass were mentioned. Bill told the Committee he would discuss this with the OMF Board. Consensus was to have the Friends of

the Monterey Pass Battlefield have a table in the gym during MTHD and hope that it will be the start of good relations between the organizations. Bill will request they complete a non-profit request for the record.

Membership & Resource Communications Committee

Eight more members were added this past month – six of them are new (Melody Roelke, Sally Stanley, John and Mary Montgomery, and Steve & Jan Patterson). There were also two renewals (Faith and Phil Elzheimer). There are a total of 63 paid members. Also received a \$100 donation each from John Montgomery and Steve Patterson.

Bill proposed that for the April raffle, the prize would be a copy of the Monterey Pass DVD. Motion was made to approve. Member #023 was the winner – Robert Miller. Since Mr. Miller doesn't have an e-mail address, it will be mailed to his house.

Public Relations Committee

There were no press releases this month.

OMF participated in the FRCC Spring Craft Bazaar on April 9. Made a couple hundred dollars.

Finance Committee

Kim Harbaugh discussed some possible grants to which OMF can apply. There is no specific event or activity to request a grant from the Gaming Commission. Also, she doesn't have all the necessary financial documentation to support a request. Time has run out to get something together.

The Board needs to have the 2012 plans for activities and events together by August to allow focus on grant requests for 2012.

Bill needs the tax documentation from 2010 in order to complete the State of Maryland form to get OMF registered as a charity.

New Business

There is a request that OMF host a Community Meeting to address the economic future of the mountaintop, specifically the lack of redevelopment of Fort Ritchie property and its impact. OMF would host the meeting and have participation from COPT, PMDC, Washington County Economic Development Council, Franklin County or Washington Township Economic Development Office. After a lengthy discussion, consensus was for OMF not to host such an event. OMF could support by arranging for room, setting up, refreshments, etc. There was concern over this event turning into a political issue that might impact OMF's non-profit status under IRS rules. There was also concern over the fact that OMF has turned the corner of having the community trust and respect. OMF would not continue in that light with this event.

Catoctin Forest Alliance Third Annual "Meeting on the Mountain" is scheduled for Friday, May 13, at Camp Greentop in the Catoctin Mountain Park. The group primarily focused on conservation of the Catoctin Mountains. Some of the topics to be covered include alliance building and growing your non-profit organization. The consensus was to support and gather information. Bill and Tom will represent OMF.

Public Comment

No report.

Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee

COPT will fund half of the fireworks for \$3,250. This may be the last year they will provide funding support. Check has been received.

A sub-lease was signed with the Chair of the Board of Directors of the FRCC for use of approximately 80% of Fort Ritchie property. Only area not included is the housing area under COPT control.

\$11,900 was requested in funding support from PMDC. They approved \$8,000 to cover half of the fireworks (\$3,250), sound system (\$2,000), and rental of tables and chairs. They want copies of the invoices in order to give us the funds.

Met with pastors. Each will participate in the Community Worship Service, plus they will be having a visiting pastor who should also draw more people to the service.

Bill and Jeff met with Howard Betts, Fort Ritchie property Neighborhood Watch Chair, and worked out traffic control for the residents during MTHD. Will need to develop a resident pass.

Frank Mummert is working on having a fishing event at MTHD. He discussed his ideas and received positive feedback from the group to continue to pursue.

Bev Coyle has received responses from two children games' vendors. She will get more details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Bobbi Trostle
Secretary