

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Chairman James McCann, III, presiding. Members present were William Chambres, Penny Geikler and Mary Washington. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler, and approved by committee, the minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting were accepted.

2. Under **2013 Lottery Report**, Mr. McCann reported six winners (\$150) in June, four winners (\$150) in July and three winners (\$75) in August for a total three-month payout of \$375.

Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, Ms. Gibson was authorized to renew the committee's Small Games of Chance License and to print tickets and envelopes for a 2014 Twinning Lottery.

3. Under *Project Reports*, the following items were discussed:

A. **Cheltenham UK Videos:** Ms. Gibson reported that she distributed copies of the Cheltenham UK history videos to the four libraries and posted the Cheltenham UK scout video on YouTube with a link on the Twinning Committee webpage. The other four copies of the history video will be given to the Historical Commission (Ms. Washington), the Old York Road Historical Society (Ms. Washington), Arcadia University (Mr. Chambres) and Cheltenham High School (Mr. McCann). In addition, Mr. Chambres will make a copy of the history video for the Twinning Committee to keep in its archives.

Mr. McCann suggested the Committee have nine copies made of another video, "Cheltenham: Center for the Cotswolds" (16 minutes), which is a more contemporary look at Cheltenham UK, for distribution to the same groups. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, Ms. Gibson was authorized to have the copies made at a cost not to exceed \$100.

**B. Twinning Archive:** Mr. McCann made progress on adding captions to the photos from his Cheltenham UK visit. Ms. Washington is also continuing work on archiving material. Mr. Chambres, who volunteered to assist with the archive record keeping, recommends digitizing the material as well.

**C. Exchanges:**

*i. Scouting:* Mr. McCann reported that the scouts have just resumed their meetings. He will contact them to learn if they plan to establish any links with UK counterparts.

*ii. Rotary Service Clubs:* No report.

*iii. Gym:* No report. Ms. Washington will contact Mr. Workman for an update.

*iv. School Students:* Mr. McCann will ask his daughter, who is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, if she will establish a link with a UK class.

4. Under *Old Business*, the following items were discussed:

A. Mr. Chambres asked Ms. Gibson if she received any feedback for the former Cheltenham US resident who visited Cheltenham UK in June. Ms. Gibson did not and indicated that she rarely hears back from people she assists with visits abroad.

B. In Ms. Spruill's absence, discussion of her idea to expand Twinning to other Cheltenham was tabled.

5. Under *New Business*, the following items were discussed:

A. In recognition of the date, Ms. Washington shared a 12-year-old *Times Chronicle* article reporting the Cheltenham UK visit here in response to the 9/11 tragedy. Ms. McCann requested a copy of the article for the archive.

B. Mr. McCann reported he received a letter (see attached) from the Cheltenham UK Local History Society in response to articles he sent them from the Old York Road Historical

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Society (OYRHS). Ms. Washington will provide Mr. McCann with future OYRHS publications and the Historical Commission *Wall Paper*, if it resumes, to continue the connection.

C. Ms. Washington read a newspaper article (see attached) about a U.S. Colored Troops (Civil War) soldier buried in Cheltenham, Australia, who was recently honored with a plaque dedication. Ms. Washington will provide a copy to Mr. Chambres for follow up. Mr. Chambres shared information about the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Camp William Penn on September 21 and his own efforts regarding Civil War history.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



Bryan T. Haver  
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson  
Public Information Officer