

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Chairman James McCann, III, presiding. Members present were Alan Barrows, Penny Geikler, Reynold Greenberg, Patricia Miller, Dorothy Spruill, Mary Washington and Andrea White. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the minutes of the September 2, 2009, meeting were accepted.

2. Mr. McCann reported seven lottery winners with payouts totaling \$225 in September.

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

A. **Fingerpost:** Mr. McCann reported discussions were underway to nail down the freight costs for purchasing the fingerpost from the UK manufacturer who made the Cheltenham UK fingerpost. Dimensions, weight, manner of crating, etc., have to be finalized before a total cost can be determined. Even with shipping, he expects the total cost to be lower than the price he received from a US company. Few manufacturers make the traditional fingerposts. Mr. McCann expects to have final costs for the next meeting.

Mr. McCann recommended the post be installed between the main entrance and boardroom entrance of the Township Administration Building. The final placement should avoid impeding pedestrian traffic or grounds maintenance. Ms. Gibson asked Mr. McCann to provide exact fingerpost measurements at the next meeting. The committee still needs to determine how many Cheltenham's beside our UK twin to feature on the fingerpost. Mr. McCann would like to include other Cheltenham's that have an historic link to Cheltenham UK. A list will be finalized at next month's meeting.

B. **E-Newsletter:** No report.

C. **Twinning Archives:** No report

D. **E-Penpals:** Mr. McCann received no response from the Cheltenham Elementary School in Denver about establishing penpals with our Cheltenham Elementary School.

E. **Twinning Table Cover/Banner:** Mr. Barrows reported the Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) Committee has an attractive banner and stand that was displayed at the Glenside Street Fair. Ms. Spruill said it was easier to see than a table cover. Ms. Gibson said she could provide the cost of that banner and stand [\$324]. Mr. Barrows also displayed artwork he obtained of conjoined American and British flags. He will try to obtain permission for the committee to use the artwork. Ms. White said she knows of an Arcadia University student who could create flag artwork for the committee if Mr. Barrows' efforts do not succeed. Mr. McCann asked Ms. Gibson to obtain a quote for a banner similar to SAMH's but in two or three colors on a white background.

F. **Glenside Street Fair:** Mr. Barrows reported that he, Ms. Spruill, Ms. White and Ms. Geikler sold over \$70 in pecans at the event. They sold the nuts for \$3 for a 5-ounce bag and \$1.50 for a 2-ounce bag. The 4-ounce pecan logs were sold for \$3. They also sold three history books, but no lottery tickets. Ms. Spruill reported that Ms. Shaw provided her own card table for the committee at the event. Ms. White circulated a draft of talking points about the committee and its activities for members to use during public events. Mr. McCann noted the committee's meeting location needed to be updated to the Carriage House. Ms. Gibson suggested adding a reference to the origins of the Township seal. Members also suggested adding a little about the connection of some of the founding fathers of the Township to Cheltenham, UK. Everyone commended Ms. White for her excellent initiative.

G. **Harvest Festival:** Ms. Gibson confirmed a table and two chairs would be available for the committee at the event. Ms. White, Ms. Spruill, Ms. Geikler and Ms. Miller plan to staff the table. Ms. White will take the table supplies and start-up cash. Ms. Spruill will take the nuts. In case of a rain postponement, Ms. Gibson will notify Ms. White, who will deliver her supplies to another member since she is unavailable on Sunday. Mr. McCann will pick up

additional history books from Ms. Gibson to deliver to the Historical Commission and to Ms. White.

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

A. Ms. Gibson reported that she emailed Ms. Wight with contact information from Einstein at Elkins Park Hospital to see if a connection between hospitals could be established.

B. Ms. White reported that she was contacted by a Cheltenham, UK, librarian to see if a connection between libraries could be established.

C. At Ms. Miller's inquiry, Ms. Gibson indicated Ms. Wight had made no response to an email about any *Titanic* link.

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

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer