

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Chairman James McCann, III, presiding. Members present were Alan Barrows, Penny Geikler, 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 June 3, 2009, meeting were accepted.

2. Mr. McCann reported four lottery winners with payouts totaling \$125 in June, ten winners with payouts totaling \$350 in July, and seven winners with payouts totaling \$175 in August. Ms. Gibson asked if members wanted to renew their license to continue the lottery in 2010. Upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, the committee authorized the renewal of the lottery license. In addition to printing 1,000 lottery tickets and 500 lottery envelopes, Mr. McCann requested that 500 $6\frac{3}{4}$ envelopes be printed, which will be used by participants purchasing the tickets by mail. The committee wants to begin 2010 ticket sales in November. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the aforementioned printing was authorized.

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

A. *Fingerpost*: Mr. McCann reported that he called Leander, the company that made the Cheltenham UK fingerpost, and received a quote less expensive than the US manufacturer. However, shipping by air was very costly. He is still waiting for a price for shipping by sea. Mr. Barrows offered to get a shipping price if Mr. McCann provided him with the dimensions and weight of the shipment. Mr. McCann added that he is continuing research into the various Cheltenham in the world. He can determine their distance from the Township but not their direction on the compass.

B. *E-Newsletter*: No report. Mr. McCann asked if Twinning was included on the Township's website. Ms. Gibson replied that the website has a Twinning page

(www.cheltenhamtownship.org/twinning/index.htm) that features the lottery, charter signing and recent fitness challenge.

C. *Gym Link*: Mr. Barrows reported that the local gym was the winner of the Twinning Fitness Challenge, and he and Mr. Chambres presented a beautiful walnut trophy during a nice ceremony hosted by the gym. A photo of the presentation appeared in local newspapers, and another gym photo is featured in the Township's fall newsletter, which Mr. McCann circulated. Mr. Barrows said the gym was eager to participate in another competition next year, perhaps targeting weight-loss, and has posted the trophy prominently near the front door. Mr. Barrows delivered the committee's \$200 contribution for the effort to the gym and picked up event T-shirts, which were distributed to members. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, Ms. Gibson will write a letter to the gym expressing appreciation for their past and future participation. Mr. McCann congratulated Mr. Barrows on the successful venture.

D. *Twinning Archives*: No report. Ms. Washington and Ms. White hope to continue their research before the next meeting.

E. *E-Penpals*: Ms. Washington hopes Dr. Hart will continue her link after leaving as Myers' principal, but she has not spoken with Dr. Hart. The Ancillae-Assumpta connection is now entirely in the schools' hands, reported Ms. Spruill. Mr. McCann contacted Cheltenham Elementary School in Denver, Colorado, to see if they wanted a connection with Cheltenham Elementary, PA.

F. *WWII Event*: The event is scheduled for September 2010, so Ms. Spruill wants it removed from the agenda until April 2010. At that time she may ask if Cheltenham UK could email photos from their home front to display.

G. *Travel Agency Partnership*: Ms. Spruill reported that she and Mr. Barrows tried to visit an Elkins Park travel agency only to discover that it had moved to Chalfont. Given the current state of the economy, this is probably not a good time to pursue this venture, so it will be

removed from the agenda. Ms. Spruill suggested Ms. Finn from Arcadia University might know of educational travel opportunities.

H. *Twinning Table Cover/Banner*: Mr. McCann still plans to solicit less expensive quotes. Size, colors and dimensions must be determined. Ms. Spruill thought the Township's blue and gold colors should be featured. Mr. McCann would like to include a graphic of crossed flags in red, white and blue. Mr. Barrows reported his difficulty in obtaining the crossed-flags artwork for the gym trophy. Ms. White volunteered to contact Ms. Finn to see if Arcadia University art students might be able to assist. Ms. Gibson commented that artwork for individual flags could be easily obtained. Mr. Barrows agreed to solicit a quote from Rodon's for a 3' x 5' banner. Mr. Barrows requested a thank-you letter to Rodon's for providing the free disk of the crossed flags that appeared on the gym trophy. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, Ms. Gibson will prepare a letter.

I. *Events*: Because almost all committee members will be working Market Day as Historical Commission members, the Twinning Committee will not host a table at that event. Mr. Barrows, Ms. Geikler and Ms. White are available to host a table at the Glenside Street Fair. Many members were unavailable for the Harvest Festival, but a final decision about hosting a table that day will be determined at the October meeting.

A subcommittee met over the summer to discuss possible fund-raising at event tables, like the tea and scones sold at last year's Harvest Festival. Mr. Barrows wrote to Duchy Originals, which is connected with Prince Charles' charities, but they never responded. Ms. Spruill shared a catalogue from a southern pecan wholesaler. A 15 lb bag of pralines would cost \$86.25, plus shipping, which Mr. Barrows estimated would be \$20 to \$25. Without shipping, the nuts cost 36 cents an ounce. Members could package them in 3- to 5-ounce bags for sale. Mr. McCann could provide cellophane bags and ribbons. He may also be able to obtain a better price on the nuts via his wife. No decision was made on the sale price per bag, pending the final cost

of the nuts. Ms. Gibson urged Mr. McCann and Mr. Barrows to make a decision quickly since the Glenside Street Fair is September 26.

The Twinning table will also include information on the committee, a signup list for new members, Cheltenham UK information and lottery ticket sales.

4. Under *Old Business*, Ms. Washington provided articles about the Wideners, a prominent Cheltenham US family who had several members die on the *Titanic*. At Mr. Barrows past suggestion, Mr. Gibson will contact Ms. Wight to see if any Cheltenham UK residents perished on the ship. Ms. Gibson will provide the Widener information if Ms. Wight is interested.

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

A. Ms. Geikler reported speaking to a representative of Einstein at Elkins Park who would be interested in establishing a connection with a hospital in Cheltenham UK. She provided the name and phone number to Ms. Gibson.

B. Ms. Geikler reported that former member Janet Leech would like to be removed from the committee mail list.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Barrows and approved by committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer