



Partners for Progress
3/13/19

The meeting was called to order by President Bill D'Angelo at 8:33 followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Weidman read the minutes of the last meeting. Kathy Link made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Louise Wadsworth. Motion carried.

It was noted the new web link is now complete. If anyone goes to the old site it will roll over to new one. Chelsea Johns requested a list of businesses to be put on the website. Association members will be put on first. The goal is to eventually have all businesses in the area listed.

Frank Martello read the Treasurer's report. Louise Wadsworth made a motion to accept the report seconded by Katie Goodell. Motion carried

Louise Wadsworth reported Dream o Vate had the first class with approximately 35 people attending. New members Bill Waterhouse and Sonni Olbert were introduced. They are looking to open a business in Mt. Morris that will support the park and highlight hiking and outdoor adventures. Louise also stated Sign and Façade applications are still being taken.

Beth Doty stated the Chamber of Commerce is doing a tourism guide in three separate stages for dining, shopping and entertainment for the county. She indicated a Farmer/neighbor meeting will be held on Friday, March 29th here in Mt. Morris. A billboard in Mt Morris will be open soon. The cost is \$200 for ¼ of the billboard for a month. Katie Goodell made a motion to rent it for the month of May to advertise for Glory Day. Seconded by Chelsea Johns. Motion Carried

Nicole Manapol indicated SUNY students will be doing digital coaching by hosting training clinics in all three villages in April to target businesses that aren't utilizing on line resources. They will also have open office hours on Fridays from 8:30 -10:00 AM. A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed regarding collaboration for LGV. She has put in a grant seeking to develop more collaboration. If received it would be a partnership with a group in Canada specializing in how to build outdoor recreation. USDA is sponsoring a Rural Economic Development Initiative that will provide technical assistance to develop a regional comprehensive plan for things such as how to bring groups together. Various federal funding will be available to help activate plans. She will be reaching out for support letters from various groups/agencies. Any outdoor recreation groups should consider joining. A graphic designer has been secured for the Digital map guide. Students have been putting entries on the map and it will hopefully launch in May. Jim Memmott is working with Nicole regarding the storytellers project. More input is still needed.

Linda Lomnicki reported Rotary will again be sponsoring the oldies dance on April 6. Rotary and Kiwanis are sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt at Bellamy Park on April 13 at 1:00 with a rain date of April 20th. NYS Parks and

Recreation will provide the filled eggs. Liv Cty Conservation organization is working to establish or re-establish trees in the area. More research needs to be done at this time.

Deb Bump reported the Council of the Arts is getting ready for scholastic show from students. They are currently wrapping up the member show which did garner some new members.

Mayor Frank Provo stated the village received another \$275 from Council of Arts toward the mural. He indicated the village is in negotiation for a study grant on Rt. 36 with the Genesee Transportation Council.

Glory Day – June 8 – A request has been submitted for matching grant money for radio ads. We have gotten some confirmations from vendors. The parade is getting beefed up. Bill D. reported the events/finance committee did approve additional money for Lenny Palermo for music. The mural dedication will be at 11:00 AM with Mayor Provo doing the honors. Next targeted spot is near Finder's Keepers. Fireworks have been set up. The dedication for Joe Christiano will be immediately following parade at the park.

Chelsea Johns passed out a list of the February-March updates on the website. She currently has Bios for Mary Seymour Howell and Gen. Mills on the site. Michelle Shaughnessy has been assisting. They are continuing to do updates and bios. The business directory is going to be the biggest part of the project. A rough draft of the brochure has been prepared. It will be a map on one side with business listings with the other side being info and business "cards". Anyone who wants to have an ad needs to notify Chelsea. The current proposal is to have an illustration of Morris the bear on the front and the fountain on the back.

Friends of Greenway are going to do a cleanup the first Saturday of May in addition to one the weekend before. Boy Scouts are going to do Tuscarora Park.

Solar farm would like to do presentation next month. The events and finance committee will meet 3/27 at 8:30 AM in the village building.

Linda Lomnicki made a motion to adjourn at 9:42, seconded by Louise Wadsworth.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Weidman