



Meeting Minutes

2-13-19

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 by President Bill D'Angelo followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Weidman read the minutes of the last meeting. Katie Goodell made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Michelle Shaughnessy. The motion was carried.

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

Louise Wadsworth stated two meetings have been held regarding Dream O Vate. About 50 people attended. There were many innovative ideas, especially for Mt. Morris. Up to \$25000 grant money is available to get a business started. Many of the proposed businesses are food related. Applications are due 2/22/19. Anyone who puts in application can go to the classes. Winners will be announced in May. It is hoped the business would then be open by the end of the year.

An Inspiration Trail meeting for Mt. Morris was held. An idea for a theme for Mt. Morris was "unity". There was a suggestion for presidential quotes on banners up and down Main St. Ollie Olsen's BOCES class is doing a bench for Mt. Morris this school year. Numerous ideas were discussed for what it should include. Sign and Façade is going to be available for public art projects this year. It will be a 50/50 match grant. This year there is a one-time application due by 5/15/19. Each community should be able to receive a public arts grant. Shawn Dunwoody will be attending a meeting on April 2 at 6:00 PM at the school in the auditorium regarding the mural. The week of April 8th he will work with the kids at school. April 23 will be the reveal of the design to the community. He will show the design to Partners for Progress prior to that time. The goal is to have it done for a dedication on Glory Day.

Katie Goodell report the Mills Mansion is closed for the winter.

Michelle Shaughnessy reported the Garden Club has had two meetings and will meet every first Monday of the month at 5:30 in village building. They intend to refurbish the planter boxes and will be planting around 4 village signs. Clean up days will be on April 27/28. They are looking for groups/individuals to help. People are encouraged to join the Garden Club. They currently have about 15 members. A plant sale will be held on 5/11 by the bear. It is hoped it will include bird houses from Frank Martello and Adirondack chairs from students.

Many events/vendors are returning for Glory Day. This year is the 225th birthday of the founding of the town and a birthday party is being planned. Any ideas welcome. Groups are going to be encouraged to have floats in parade.

Amanda Coniglio from parks and recreation committee stated they want to do a dedication for Joe Christiano at Bellamy Park during Glory Day, right after parade. Committee will also be doing something throughout the day; possibly including a beer/wine walk.

Linda Lomnicki indicated the Rotary will be sponsoring the oldies dance at The River on April 6th. They are sending out vendor apps for the Italian fest being held from Aug 16-18. There should be a pasta dinner again as well as the Coup De Villes.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held again this year. Parks and Recreation will be doing one as well. Hope to coordinate to have one large one. Date is still to be determined.

Greg Bump introduced his wife, Deb, who is the new director of Genesee Valley Council for the Arts. She thanked Kathy Link for the use of a window at her store to put a presence on Main St for the Council. She stated they also want a table at Glory Day. The weekend following that will be Fare and Ware at Letchworth.

Lenny Palermo will once again be doing old fashioned games at Bellamy Park for kids on Glory Day. It will coincide with honoring Joe Christiano. In years past he has sold ads and has put the stage performance on You Tube to generate funds as he does not have a budget. Midlife Crisis and Steel Alchemy are two bands who should be appearing. He will put in applications for grants for next year. Events committee will be meeting on 2/27/19 and will discuss how much could be donated this year.

Chelsea Johns has been working on the website with Rebecca Crocker. It can be found at mountmorris-ny.com. She is still trying to get the link from Rick Diegert. Chelsea prepared a proposal as to what should be on the website as well as a request for \$400 for getting the site up and viable and \$40/mth for maintenance. There will also be the cost of maintaining the domain name through Wix. She said she will depend on information coming to her; she will not be reaching out to others. Motion was made by Louise Wadsworth and seconded by Kathy Link to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Louise Wadsworth and seconded by Kathy Link at 9:29.

The next regular meeting of Partners for Progress will be March 13th, 2019 at 8:30 AM in the Village Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Weidman