



Partners for Progress

6-12-19

Meeting called to order by President Bill D'Angelo followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Weidman read the minutes of the last meeting. Linda Gray made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Linda Lomnicki. Motion carried

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

Louise Wadsworth reported 21 applications were received for one time downtown enhancement funds. There is \$70,000 worth of grants; Mt. Morris was awarded five grant for the Mills Mansion, the mural, PRC of the Valleys, and two for Wendy's Pantry which is in the process of rebranding. Projects are ongoing in every community except Leicester. Dream O Vate winners were recently announced; one of which, Otter Trail, is in Mt. Morris. The Mt. Morris brochures have been very well received. Copies of the maps will be put on the Greenway.

Elissa Russell of the Chamber of Commerce indicated the business directory is out. The latest brochure to be put out is "Where To Play". They are currently working on "Arts, Culture and History". After that will be a golf brochure. If any business wants copies they should contact the Chamber.

The Livingston County Bicentennial is in 2021. Amie Alden, County Historian, is spearheading a committee for celebrations throughout the year.

The Great American Eclipse is going to be on April 8th, 2024. There will be a total eclipse for 3 minutes at 3PM and this area is at the heart of it. Plans are already being made to accommodate the anticipated influx of tourists.

Michelle Shaughnessy from the Garden Club stated the plant sale was successful, grossing about \$660. There are still 5 memorial flower boxes available. All signs to the village have plants around them now. Drew's Hardware did donate some supplies and paint. There has been a lot of community participation.

The Mills Mansion had a great turnout on Glory Day with about 150 people coming through. Several requested memberships, donations were made and items were bought in the gift shop. The costumes will remain on display in June and a tool display is being planned for July. A second sale of vegetable plants was suggested as well as a plant sale in the fall.

Bill D'Angelo suggested Partners buy lunch for the DPW for all the work they have been doing around the village to keep it looking nice. A motion was made by Linda Gray, seconded by Michelle Shaughnessy. Motion carried

Linda Lomnicki said Rotary is still working on the program for Italian fest. Partners is submitting an ad for the program. Rotary did well at Glory Day. Parade pictures are being submitted to a regional Rotary magazine.

Date for Glory Day next year is uncertain depending on Nunda Fun Days and Fare and Ware.

Mayor Provo thanked everyone for all the positive things that have been going on in the village.

Nicole Manapol reported Gateway Villages had received a Rural Economic Development grant and had actually achieved the highest score. This will be part of a national effort and should lead to additional funding. It will be a 12-18 month project. There will be rural development of food tourism, working with group out of Canada. The Map Guide is almost ready and should go public soon. Bill complimented Nicole for all of her hard work.

Glory Day was very positive bringing a lot of people into the village. Numerous organizations worked together resulting in a great deal of positive press. The mural is pulling the community together.

Ideas are needed for another arts project. Suggestions were Morris' minions (a trail of smaller bears), presidential quotes, and statues of famous people of Mt. Morris. There will be a Grant meeting Tuesday, June 25th from 6-7:30 at village building that must be attended by anyone seeking to file an application. Partners for Progress will have a committee meeting on Thursday, June 27th to discuss possible projects.

Chelsea Johns is still trying to get info for all the businesses on the map she created and requested some assistance. Kathy Link agreed to help.

We cleared \$586.00 from the most recent raffle. Numerous Mt. Morris post cards have been sold. They are available at Carvings and More.

A motion was made by Louise to adjourn, seconded by Kathy. Meeting adjourned at 9:27

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Weidman