



Partners for Progress

12/11/19

Meeting called to order by President Bill D'Angelo at 8:39 followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Brick Inn for hosting the meeting and providing the wonderful refreshments.

Katie Goodell made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they were posted on the website. Louise Wadsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

Louise Wadsworth reported the Wadsworth Homestead will be having tours the next two Sundays; tickets are on Event Brite - \$20 per person. A new program, First Impressions, will be replacing Sign and Façade. It will be a grant up to \$5000 with a 50/50 match. It is intended for anything that will make an impression of the community, a store, a street, lighting which can be inside or outside the store or a public area. At this time there is \$50,000 available with the possibility of more. First deadline is January 24, then April 17 and July 24. There will be new design guidelines that are county wide. A way finding study is being started; meetings will be announced.

Nicole Manapol indicated she will be moving to part time in January to go full time at SUNY. Rural Economic Development groups kicked off this week. Variety of meetings and groups are being scheduled. Digital Main Street is live now on line. They have been testing the platform. Gateway Villages has been meeting with workforce development, schools, etc for digital readiness. Asking for businesses to participate. Nina will be doing more with Adopt a Business.

Nina Piccini stated she is working on small business trainings with Louise trying to assist businesses with on line presence. Map Guide is officially launched at "Explore Genesee Valley.com". It is user generated content to showcase what is best in the area. It has been doing well on social media.

Chamber of Commerce indicated the 585 magazine recently featured the wedding expo that will take place in Feb at Willow Creek in Lakeville. They are getting ready for Taste of Livingston in May; vendor applications are still being taken.

Mayor Frank Provo said Federal grants are coming out for art projects. 50/50 grant application due in Feb. The County is doing a broadband study; everyone is encouraged to complete it. The village is commissioning a traffic study. They have narrowed field for consultants to three. The study will be from Groveland Town line to Beards Creek in Leicester and will include Rt 408 and Boyd Parker. They will be studying all forms of transportation including walking, vehicles, etc. They are specifically looking at the connection from Genesee to Leicester.

Michelle Shaughnessey has put together flyer of accomplishments for the year for the Garden Club to encourage additional membership. Their Facebook page is "Garden Club of Mt. Morris". There are many plans for the future and additional participation would be appreciated. Approximately \$2000 was received from donation letters.

Katie Goodell stated the Mills Mansion holiday dinners were very successful. They have some new members who are participating. The mansion will be open for Christmas in the village from 2-4.

Rotary- 14th annual Christmas in the Village will be on December 14. There will be a Holiday Pops Concert from 2-3 on Murray Hill and a nativity stroll from 2-4 at United Church. Scavenger hunt will be nutcrackers this year; 14 merchants are participating. Pocket park has been decorated. Tree lighting will be after the parade. Free refreshments at town hall, Santa at Theater 101. Live nativity at Main and Chapel at 7PM. Breakfast will be at the school. Decorate stockings from 11-1 at youth center. 106.3 will be broadcasting. Carriage rides are from 6:30-8:30. Their next major event will be the Oldies dance on April 4th.

Raffle tickets still available at Carvings. Drawing will be on Dec 14th. There are also raffle tickets there for Mills Mansion baskets.

Glory Day will be on June 6th. Press releases and other information will be sent out soon. An Events committee meeting will be held on January 22nd at 8:30 AM at the Village Bldg. The goal will be to expand our activities in the future.

Cheslea Johns indicated the web page has been updated. Please send her emails about any new events. First day hikes will be held at Letchworth and the Greenway will be for various skill sets. A discussion was held as to whether or not any businesses would consider being open.

Be Well in Livingston – info has been sent out about steering committee meeting.

An Arts committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan 9th, at 8:30 at the Village Hall.

The next general meeting will be January 8th. Many thanks to Country Inn and Suites for the Christmas gifts and the Brick Inn for hosting the morning meeting.

Linda Gray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Link. Meeting adjourned at 9:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Weidman

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

