

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Chairman James McCann, III, presiding. Members present were William Chambres, Penny Geikler and Mary Washington. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler, and approved by Committee, the minutes of the June 3, 2015, meeting were accepted.
3. **2015 Lottery Report:** Mr. McCann reported seven winners in June with a payout of \$300, three winners in July with a payout of \$75, and five winners in August with a payout of \$125.
4. **2016 Lottery:** Members discussed continuing the lottery fund-raiser in 2016. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by Committee, Ms. Gibson was authorized to obtain a small game of chance license and proceed with the printing of 2016 lottery cards and envelopes. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by Committee, Ms. Gibson was also authorized to get more 6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> return envelopes printed, if Mr. McCann determines the additional envelopes are needed for next year.

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

A. **Twining Archives:** Mr. McCann submitted a photo from the 1990 Cheltenham Village Tricentennial of Mr. McCann in the bucket of a fire truck with the UK Lord Mayor.

B. **Exchanges:**

*i. Scouting:* Ms. Gibson contacted the leader for Girl Scout Troop 793 who indicated the troop is still interested in establishing a link this year. She will include Annette Wight in her email to both the US and UK troop leaders to try to ensure a successful contact is made.

*ii. Historical Commission/Society:* Mr. McCann circulated the Cheltenham (UK) Local Historical Society newsletter, which reports that the UK Municipal Offices will relocate to modern premises in Bath in a few years because downsizing has left many current offices vacant.

*iii. Older Adult Community Link:* Ms. Gibson reported that she asked the La Mott and Rowland Community Center directors to encourage members of their seniors clubs to establish links with UK seniors. In addition, the Library Director has agreed that the seniors could use the libraries' computers to email or Skype. The La Mott and Rowland Seniors Clubs will resume meeting in September 10 and 11.

*iv. School Links:* Mr. McCann will speak with his daughter, a teacher at Ancillae Assumpta Academy, about the possibility of establishing an exchange this school year with St. Edwards School (UK).

**6. Old Business:**

A. Over the summer, Mr. McCann was unable to contact the woman going to college in Gloucestershire UK who is undertaking a photo project about Cheltenhams UK and US

B. Mr. Chambres provided Ms. Washington with information about UK garden clubs to identify potential partners for an exchange for the Old York Road Garden Club.

**7. New Business:**

A. Ms. Gibson reported that Arlene and Herb Wartenberg have resigned from the Committee because they overextended their volunteering efforts.

B. At the next Historical Commission meeting, Mr. McCann will explore the possibility of the Twinning Committee and Historical Commission hosting a joint table at the Community Harvest Festival on October 17, 2015.

C. Ms. Gibson reported that a Township couple planning to travel to London in April 2016 recently approached her about the possibility of a side trip to Cheltenham UK. She provided information on how the Committee might help coordinate some activities in Cheltenham UK and suggested the couple explore the Cheltenham UK website. She noted that this inquiry means that at least some in the community are aware of the Committee's endeavors.

8. There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Washington and approved by Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir  
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson  
Public Information Officer