

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

1. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the minutes of the December 5, 2012, meeting were accepted.

2. Under **Lottery Report**, Mr. McCann reported seven winners in December for a total payout of \$225. The 2012 lottery had a total of 60 winners with a payout of \$1,625. The Committee sold 161 tickets, leaving a gross revenue of \$1,595. Mr. McCann reported he has not mailed the 2013 lottery tickets to past purchasers yet but hopes to complete the project next week. Ms. Gibson reported that she mailed 2013 lottery tickets to Township retirees along with the 2012 employee newsletter. Ticket sales for 2013 total \$1,080 to date.

3. Under Project Reports, the following items were discussed:

A. **Twining Archive:** Ms. Washington had no report. Mr. McCann offered to contribute his latest UK Historical Society newsletter and some printed photos from his May 2012 trip to Cheltenham UK to the archives.

B. **Exchanges:**

i. Scouting: Mr. McCann made a set of photos from his 2012 visit with UK scouts to present to local scouts to stimulate their interest in a twinning link.

ii. Rotary Service Clubs: Ms. Washington had no report but will ask her son John for an update.

iii. School Students: Mr. Chambres reported Arcadia University is currently reviewing all programs and may not respond to a request from a UK university for a contact for many

months. Per last month's meeting, Ms. Gibson contacted Cindy Rubino at Arcadia University for the requested information.

iv. Gym: Ms. Washington had no report.

4. Under *Old Business*, Mr. McCann reported he plans to contact Committee members who have not attended in many years to ask them to participate or officially resign.

5. Under *New Business*, the following items were discussed:

A. Ms. Gibson circulated an email regarding the 2013 Flower Show, which will feature Britain. This may be an opportunity to promote twinning. Mr. Chambres will contact a friend at the Longwood Gardens to see if a concept representing Cheltenham Twinning could be developed. Mr. Chambres asked if Ms. Wight could provide a list of standard flowers in Cheltenham UK and provide contacts to local garden clubs/horticultural society.

B. Ms. Washington requested a copy of a Committee description, which Ms. Gibson provided.

C. Mr. McCann proposed presenting the video on the history of Cheltenham UK to raise the Committee's profile. Ms Gibson suggested bringing the video to groups who welcome speakers instead of holding a separate event. She also thought the UK scout video would be a charming companion piece. However, Mr. McCann needs to ascertain the current location of the videos.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the meeting was adjourned.



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Acting Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer