

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

1. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler and approved by committee, the minutes of the March 2, 2011, were accepted.

2. Under **Lottery Report**, Mr. McCann reported four winners in March for total payout of \$125. A recently received ticket was a \$25 winner in January, which raises that month's total payout to \$100. Ms Geikler gave Mr. McCann two more lottery tickets.

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

A. **Fingerpost and Dedication** – Mr. McCann reported that the fingerpost was supposed to be delivered last week but didn't arrive. The British Shop now advises the delivery will on Monday, April 11. Ms. Gibson advised that, as anticipated, actual costs differed from the original quotes. The final cost included additional charges of \$242.44 for a total cost of \$3,759.65 for manufacture and delivery. Ms. Gibson advised a purchase order for \$1,250 for installation has been approved. She noted that the vendor's quote suggested a sealer for the concrete might be warranted but wasn't included in the price. Mr. McCann will contact the vendor to see if a sealer is warranted in this situation.

Regarding the dedication, Ms. Gibson reported that the Township Manager approved both Saturday, May 14 and 21 as ceremony dates. Upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, the dedication will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m. [Due to a conflict that arose since the date was cleared, the ceremony time was changed to 11:30 a.m., after consultation with the chairman.] Ms. Geikler recommended having the flag of the Township seal at the event. Ms. Gibson reported that Ms. White has offered to prepare a

Twinning display table for the event. Ms. Gibson has already contacted Annette Wight to request recognition from Cheltenham UK. Ms. Gibson also reported that Ms. Marlowe advised that her class never established an e-penpal link with Cheltenham UK due to delays and technical glitches. Ms. Spruill will contact Ancillae Assumpta Academy to learn if they have an e-penpal link with Cheltenham UK. Mr. McCann will extend an invitation to Boy Scout Troop 22, and Ms. Gibson will invite The Gym, which both have Twinning relationships with counterparts in the UK. Both will be encouraged to say a few words about their links at the dedication. Ms. Gibson will also extend invitations the Commissioners.

Since Ms. Washington was absent, Mr. McCann requested approval to purchase flowers to plant around the base of the fingerpost, if necessary. Upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, Mr. McCann was authorized to spend up to \$25 for the purchase of plants if the pansy seeds from Cheltenham UK do not grow for Ms. Washington. Mr. Chambres will contact ShopRite for a sheet cake and beverages, hopefully free of charge. Upon motion of Mr. Chambres, and approved by committee, Mr. Chambres was authorized to spend up to \$25, if necessary, for refreshments. Ms. Spruill offered to provide plastic forks, and Mr. McCann can provide other paper goods, as needed.

The dedication ceremony will feature the following:

- Description of the Twinning Committee's purpose (Jim McCann)
- History of fingerposts (Jim McCann)
- Remarks from Cheltenham UK (Commissioner)
- Dedication remarks/Proclamation (Commissioner)
- Comments from invited guests about their own Twinning connection and what it means to them
- Refreshments.

At Mr. Chambres' inquiry, Ms. Gibson said the media would be alerted about the event.

B. **Archives** – Ms Gibson reported on behalf of Ms. White that the inventory is complete and she now needs assistance in determining what archival protection material to purchase. Several members indicated that such material is extremely expensive and any purchase should be delayed until the committee can determine what material is worth preserving. Ms. Spruill advised that the Richard Wall House Museum has Twinning items that should be included in the inventory.

C. **Boy Scout Link** – Mr. McCann reported the local troop is still in process of organizing a reciprocal gift. However, he personally sent some photos to the UK scouts.

D. **Rotary Link** – No report

E. **School Student Link** – Ms. Spruill will contact Ancillae Assumpta Academy to learn if a link is in place.

F. **Gym Exchange** – No report.

4. **Old Business** – No report

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

A. In light of the conflict that Ms. White and Mr. McCann have with meetings held on the first Wednesday, Ms. Gibson asked if the committee would like to consider a different meeting night. Mr. McCann favored delaying the discussion because he hoped his schedule would change. However, because the new calendar will be published at the end of May and Commissioner approval is needed for the change, upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, the committee asked to change the Twinning meetings to the first Tuesday of the month beginning in September 2011, pending the approval of absent, active members. [A conflict for an absent, active member nullifies the motion.]

B. An artist neighbor of Ms. Geikler would like to establish a connection with an artist in Cheltenham UK. Ms. Gibson will contact Ms. Wight to get an appropriate contact at a Cheltenham UK art center, which she will forward to Ms. Geikler.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Kraynik". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'D'.

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer