

The REORGANIZATION MEETING of the Twinning Committee was held tonight. Members present were Alan Barrows, William Chambres, Penny Geikler, James McCann, III, Mary Washington and Andrea White. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. Ms. Gibson opened the floor to nominations for chairperson. Ms. Washington nominated past chair Jim McCann and vice chair Bill Chambres. There being no further nominations, upon motion of Mr. Barrows and approved by committee, the nominations were closed. Upon unanimous consent, Mr. McCann was elected chair and Mr. Chambres was elected vice chair.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Barrows, and approved by committee, the minutes of the February 4, 2009, meeting were accepted.

3. **Lottery:** Mr. McCann reported five winners with a total payout of \$150 in February. Ms. Gibson reported that the account balance stands at \$9,179.51. Ms. Geikler sold another ticket and volunteered to distribute fliers about the lottery that Ms. Gibson will provide.

4. **Fingerpost:** Mr. McCann reported that no progress has been made since he is still waiting for a response from a manufacturer on cost. He has not met with Ms. Washington and Mr. Havir regarding the design. Mr. Chambres reported that he and Mr. Greenberg have not met about fund-raising. Mr. McCann asked members to collect information on all of the world's Cheltenham's and their distance from the Township, so the committee can determine the number of fingers on the sign.

5. **Video Conversion:** Mr. McCann was successful in converting "Cheltenham: A Journey through Time" and "A History of Cheltenham," into US compatible formats. Mr. McCann will get some backup copies made, which Mr. Barrows can assist with if necessary. A presentation of one or both of the films could be the basis of a public event, although several

members thought an additional attraction, such as a re-enactment, would be needed to attract a significant audience. Mr. McCann invited any member to watch the program with him.

6. **E-Newsletter:** Mr. Chambres said he would draft a short mention of the new video for the newsletter. Ms. Gibson urged him to include information on the lottery. Mr. Chambres would like to fill at least two pages before distributing the newsletter.

7. **Gym link:** Ms. Gibson reported that the Township Manager had no objection to the proposed link between US & UK gyms. After discussion, Mr. Barrows suggested allowing the gyms to develop the rules for the competition, including prizes, which the committee can review at the next meeting. Mr. Barrows will serve as the local gym's contact.

8. **Playhouse link:** The issue was tabled until Ms. Spruill's return.

9. **Kimmel Center Teen Summer Camp:** Mr. Chambres reported that the Kimmel Center's website lists the details of its four, two-week sessions in chamber music, jazz, choral and organ available this summer for free. Ms. Gibson will alert Ms. Wight of this opportunity. If any Cheltenham UK youngsters participate, the committee will try to secure lodging for them.

10. **E-Penpals:** Ms. Wight reported no progress in securing pen pals for the students of Ancillae Assumpta Academy. She has expanded her search beyond UK Catholic schools. Mr. McCann was unable to secure a pen pal for the UK parent of an 18-month-old who wanted to find a pen pal last fall. Ms. Washington will try to find a candidate.

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

A. Ms. Geikler will inquire if the committee can have information displayed at the Arts in the Park event in June. Mr. Barrows wondered if UK had a similar event that offered a link potential.

B. Mr. McCann planned to ask the Historical Commission to sponsor an art contest in which students portray historic properties in various media. If the project succeeds, he proposed displaying the winners in UK, if Ms. Wight can find interested takers there. Mr. Chambres commented that cash prizes are an effective tool to attracting participation.

C. Ms. Gibson asked members to prepare for a discussion about the future of the committee at the April meeting.

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

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Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson  
Public Information Officer