

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, chairman James McCann presiding. Members present were William Chambres, Penny Geikler and Mary Washington.

1. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting were accepted. Ms. Gibson thanked Ms. Spruill for taking the minutes in her absence.

2. Mr. McCann reported three winners in the 2010 lottery in October with payouts totaling \$150. The 2011 lottery cards will be sorted after the meeting.

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

A. **Fingerpost** – Mr. McCann requested photos (see attached) of the fingerpost under manufacture, which were emailed to members. Copies of the photos will be included on the Township website and in the photo books created by Ms. White. Mr. McCann will check on how the impending cold weather will impact the installation of the fingerpost. Ms. Gibson will investigate locations for storing the fingerpost until spring, if needed.

Regarding last month's discussion of the dedication ceremony, Ms. Gibson commented that inviting the Cheltenham featured on the fingerpost to the dedication was a huge undertaking that would require the development of at least a few days of programs/activities, accommodations and the approval of the Commissioners. She queried if members believed they could handle the additional work. Considering the limited number of members, the committee decided not to issue the invitation to the other Cheltenham. Alternately, Ms. Gibson suggested inviting Boy Scout Troop 22, The Gym of Elkins Park and other local groups or individuals with a Cheltenham UK link. Ms. Washington suggested timing the dedication to a historical event. If that fails, Ms. Gibson suggested coordinating with a current event, festival or race in UK, to

reflect another link. Ms. Gibson believes the *Times Chronicle* will cover the dedication and would attempt to get the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and possibly television news coverage.

**B. Twinning Archives:** Ms. Gibson reported that Andrea White has created a couple of notebooks with photos, brochures, maps and other Twinning material for display at the Harvest Festival and other public events. Ms. Washington is still planning to organize Twinning and Centennial Committee meeting minutes in a single location.

**C. Exchanges:**

a. *Gym Link:* Leisure@cheltenham, UK won this year's contest by losing 68 lbs or 2.1% of their total weight compared to 51 lbs or 1.5% weight loss achieved by The Gym. Consequently, the plaque will be engraved with (line 1) "2010 Champion", (line 2) "Leisure@cheltenham, UK", (line 3) "2.1% or 68 lbs." Ms. Washington volunteered to arrange for the engraving, while Mr. McCann will arrange the shipping to the UK gym.

Ms. Washington distributed T-shirts from The Gym contest and gave the remainder to Ms. Gibson. Ms. Gibson advised members that the \$200 donation to The Gym for the T-shirts is in the system. Ms. Geikler suggested sending a T-shirt to Alan Barrows. Ms. Washington announced that The Gym member Steve Workman may be willing to serve as the committee's point person for this ongoing exchange.

b. *Boy Scout Link:* Mr. McCann had no new information on the exchange but will meet with Boy Scout Troop #22 leaders and report at the next meeting. The two scout troops are in direct contact with one another and are arranging for an exchange of material.

c. *Rotary Link:* Ms. Washington reported her son John is aware of a Cheltenham UK rotary, but he hasn't contacted them in recent years. He will attempt to establish a connection, and Ms. Washington will keep the committee informed.

d. *School Link:* Ms. Gibson asked if any school students were participating in a link with UK counterparts this year. Mr. Chambres will check with Lise Marlowe at Elkins Park

School, and Ms. Washington will contact the Myers Elementary School principal to see if any connections are underway.

4. There were no items under *Old Business*.

5. Under *New Business*, Mr. Chambres distributed article on “Cheltenham: Town of Festivals” from the November 2010 edition of the *British Heritage Magazine*.

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



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### Manufacture of Tinning Fingerpost

