

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Chairman James McCann presiding. Members present were Penny Geikler, Reynold Greenberg, Dorothy Spruill 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 June 2, 2010, meeting were accepted.

2. Mr. McCann reported four lottery winners in June for a total payout of \$100 and three winners in July for a total payout of \$75. The comparison between the 2007 and 2009 lottery results is tabled until Mr. McCann locates the necessary records. Ms. Gibson advised that a new gaming license will be required if members want to conduct another lottery fund-raiser in 2011. The lottery has been the committee's most successful fund-raiser. Ms. Spruill thought Mr. McCann should make the decision since he does most of the work, and he was willing to continue. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, Ms. Gibson was authorized to obtain the required license and have 1,000 lottery tickets and 500 lottery envelopes printed for a 2011 lottery. Mr. McCann will investigate if more return envelopes are needed for the lottery mailing.

Unfortunately, none of the members present were available to sell 2010 lottery tickets at three upcoming Township events: Market Day, Glenside Street Fair and Community Harvest Festival. Ms. Washington will ask Andrea White if she is available for any of the events.

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

A. **Fingerpost**: Mr. McCann reported that the Public Affairs Committee approved the purchase and installation of the Twinning Fingerpost as recommended by the committee. However, he recommended some minor wording changes in a few of the fingers to make them more consistent. After lengthy discussion, upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by

committee, the finger representing Cheltenham UK will read (line 1) “Cheltenham, ‘Official Twin’; (line 2) “Gloucestershire, UK”; and (line 3) 3450 miles” and “USA” will be added after “Missouri” on line 2 of the fourth finger. The finial will remain as is.

Mr. McCann reported that, as of tonight, the cost to manufacture and ship the fingerpost increased from \$3,333.67 to \$3,523.30 due to fluctuations in the exchange rate between US and UK currency. He emphasized that the vendors have not changed their prices. Upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, the committee will proceed with the purchase of the fingerpost, regardless of exchange rate fluctuations.

B. Twinning Archives: Ms. Washington had no report.

C. Table Cover/Banner: Ms Gibson displayed the completed banner for the committee, who liked its appearance.

D. Exchanges:

i. Gym Link: Ms. Gibson reported that the weight-loss competition between the US and UK gyms began today, September 1. She added that she gave a live interview to BBC Radio at 1:30AM this morning, along with UK Councillor Garth Barnes, about the competition. The Gym has inquired if the committee will contribute funding for T-shirts for this year’s event, as it did last year. Ms. Spruill thought the T-shirts were excellent publicity for the twinning effort. Upon motion of Ms. Spruill, and approved by committee, the committee will again donate \$200 towards the purchase of T-shirts for the gym exchange. Ms. Spruill hopes the committee will each receive a T-shirt, like last year. Ms. Washington reported that she may know a gym member willing to serve as the committee’s point person for this exchange.

ii. Scouts: Although little was done over the summer, the leaders of Cheltenham Troop 22 and Cheltenham UK 41st Scouts are making progress in establishing a link. Discussions include an exchange of DVDs about themselves and their communities.

iii. **Historical Society:** Mr. McCann circulated the July bulletin from the UK history Society, which he copied for other members. Mr. McCann will donate his bulletins to the Twinning Archive.

iv. **Rotary:** Ms. Washington advised that her Rotarian son will investigate if Cheltenham UK has a rotary that might be interested in linking with a Cheltenham US rotary.

E. **Wall House World War II Exhibit:** Ms. Spruill is pleased with the photos received from Cheltenham UK and thanked Mr. McCann for his donation of a book for the exhibit. Ms. Spruill added that the exhibit is part of a broader World War II commemoration in the community this year.

4. Under *Old Business*, Ms. Spruill asked Ms. Washington if she wanted any 3” three-ring binders donated by Mr. Barrows for the storage of the Twinning Committee minutes. Ms. Washington requested two.

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

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer