

MCC Annual Meeting – November 13, 2013

MCC Executive Board members in attendance: Jane Gandolfe, Al Beronio, Vicki Charles, Virginia Consalvo, Rich Lepik, Rich Barnett, Tom Belardo, Steve Barthelmes, Carole Juth.

Jane opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed everyone. Jane introduced the Board and then did a power point presentation. See attached.

Washington Valley Business Alliance has grown to 75 members . The WVBA meets the second Tuesday of each month and has a speaker as well as networking. The meetings are open to the public. There is a registration fee for each meeting: \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Washington Valley Library – The Washington Valley Library is owned by the MCC. Carole Juth coordinates all the volunteers who run the library. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Carole. The Somerset County Library System provides the books; the MCC sponsors/provides everything else. This year Carole has developed a reading program with The Giving Nest nursery school, which is located next to the MCC.

Finance Report (by Virginia, Treasurer) – As of today, the balance is \$83,981.74. Virginia presented the budget results for Oct 2013 (9 months of actuals) and the 2014 proposed budget (see attached). Jane reported that the MCC received \$350K in 2010 when it was returned to the members by the State of New Jersey; \$250K was allocated for the building renovations, which has been spent; \$100K was reserved for operating expenses. The MCC still has \$ 83K left. Proposed 2014 budget includes allocating funds for the capital budget to fix the front door, the rear exterior of the building, and the stage area. One of the attendees asked about having shows/performances on the stage, as in the past of the MCC. Jane stated that two theater companies have approached the MCC. Question about handicap accessibility of the upper room. Currently do not have an elevator, but are working on possibly installing a chair lift. Jane asked for further discussion on the budget. No additional comments were made. Jane stated that the proxy votes have been collected and the results will be tabulated and announced tomorrow.

Nominations and Vote: Steve Barthelmes presented the open positions to be voted on tonight and asked for nominations from the floor. None were presented. By acclamation, the nominees have been elected to a one year term.

Current Focus – With the completion of the renovation, the MCC is shifting its focus to becoming self-supported. Some avenues to explore for generating income are donations via large corporations in the MCC area, grants, and fundraising activities. Question was whether we advertise for rentals. Jane mentioned that we have a brochure that states it and it will be posted on the website. Steve suggested putting an ad in the Blessed Sacrament church bulletin, the Methodist and Presbyterian churches also. There have been rentals for all types of parties. Suggestions were given to use twitter, facebook, and other types of social media. Also, to contact caterers and let them know. We are attempting to bring in the younger demographics as well. Discussed putting articles in the Patch and the BReeze. Suggestion was made to have the Fall Festival a little later, say 1-5pm, to bring in more people.

Thank You's - Virginia thanked Jane for her leadership in the past and for staying on for another year as the President. Pat Beronio thanked the entire board for all their time and efforts and asked everyone to spread the word about the MCC and consider volunteering to help bring more events to the MCC and increase fundraising efforts.

Veterans (VFW) – They used to meet at the MCC, but once the MCC began construction, they started meeting at the Chimney Rock Inn. Albert Straka, the VFW rep, will bring information about the facility back to the group. American Legion has only 13 members. Jane suggested that we could hold an event here for both groups to try to increase membership.

2014 Board Meetings and Committees – Dates will be announced soon. Committee volunteers will be sought for Fundraising, Website, etc. Check the website for info. www.martinsvillecommunitycenter.org

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Vicki Charles, Recording Secretary