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## MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2012 Meeting No. 55

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund Commission was opened by Chair, Kathy Cole at 1:05 p.m. in the OPS Conference Room of the Mason Building.

Members present: Kathy Cole, Lin Emmert, Richard Darling, Diane Philpot and John Szczubelek

DTMB staff present: Kerri Droste and Dane Hengesbach

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2011  
Chair, Kathy Cole requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the November 10, 2011, meeting. Motion made by John Szczubelek to approve minutes and seconded by Richard Darling. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Financial Update  
Dane distributed the updated financial report. There were no major donations received or expenses paid this month. A donation from Kathy Cole was missing on the report. Dane will follow up on that.
3. Update and Status Report (Bruce Edward Walker)  
There continues to be no response from Mr. Walker as to the Commission's request to return all MLEOM belongings. The Commission discussed the next steps and recourse options per the contract. A letter has been drafted to Mr. Walker stating that the materials (i.e. foam picture boards, cd's, letters of support, etc.) provided to him were on loan. The letter will be certified mailed. Debarment was also discussed which may be pursued if no response is received from Mr. Walker. Pending no action, filing suit against Mr. Walker is also an avenue that the Commission may pursue.
4. Lobbyist/Lobbying Agent  
John Szczubelek updated the Commission on regulations for becoming a lobbyist agent. John is not allowed to act as a lobbyist based on State department rules. John will draft verbiage requesting an appropriation for the Commission. This could be given to a lobbyist. John has upcoming meetings with John Buczek as well as with Alan Cropsey from the Department of Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs. Dane will provide John with a basic summary categorizing the donations received to date that he can take to the meetings. Because of recent reductions to law enforcement across the State, the Commission is hopeful that if the current administration showed support for the Memorial, the perception from the law enforcement community would be positive for the administration.
5. Laura Zain (Update by Kathy Cole)  
Laura continues to explore various options for marketing and PR awareness on behalf of the MLEOM. She is talking with an individual in hopes to do some grant writing. She is also working with a contact who wants to be kept in the loop regarding upcoming events supporting the Commission. Diane will contact Laura to discuss the Commission. The question was asked if Laura drafted a press release mentioned in the November meeting.

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6. Other

Kathy has made numerous attempts in contacting David Milling Architects. The Commission is hoping they can attend an upcoming meeting to answer some questions around 'stages' for building the memorial, glass options, modifications to the design, etc. Kathy will contact the winner of the design to see if she has other contact information for the company.

Kathy checked with another company on costs for the window cling. She is waiting for a response. (Laura indicated in the November meeting she could do it for \$1.25 apiece).

Kerri will check with Building Operations Division staff to see if they can flip the sign around. The side facing the road is quite faded.

Kathy will be attending the Chief's Conference next month. She will do 'informal lobbying'. Kathy will contact Jim Niewiek to see if he would like to go for a day as well.

Kathy met a project manager from Clark Construction Company. Kathy will contact Donovan and Smith to see if they will put a PowerPoint together for the Commission to provide and overview to Clark Construction Company. The Commission still has a 'credit' with Donovan and Smith in which they hope to use for the PowerPoint. Discussions were held around Clark serving as a general contractor for the project.

The Commission asked about the date on the letter from Meijer in which Meijer committed to funding 50% of the Memorial once the Commission raised the other 50%. Kerri looked through the minutes to find the first reference to the letter being in the April 10, 2008 minutes. All Commission members are asked to look for a copy of the letter. The minutes state that Kathy "received a letter from Meijer in response to her request for a donation." The Commission may need to contact Meijer to see if they have a copy or reference to that letter.

Kathy will contact Eddie Washington, head of security for Dow Chemical, in search of support from Dow.

The Commission posed the question to Richard about the possibility of the Commission getting back on the income tax check-off. Legislation is required. The Commission would like to pursue this.

There being no further items for Commission approval, Chair Kathy Cole suggested motion to adjourn meeting at 2:00 p.m., motion made by Diane Philpot and seconded by Lin Emmert. MOTION CARRIED.

**Next Meeting: March 8, 2012**  
**No February meeting**