

Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2006

Meeting No. 9

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room of the Lewis Cass Building.

Members present: Kathy Cole, Lin Emmert, Diane Philpot, Richard Darling
DMB staff present: Monique Field, Vivian Grinnell, Dane Hengesbach, Tom Kane

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2006

A Motion was made by Diane Philpot to approve the minutes, seconded by Lin Emmert. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Call for Entries

Vivian stated that Tom Furtaw would not be able to attend today's meeting, and that he would provide an update on the call for entries at the March meeting. She continued that copies of the design documents used for the Veterans Memorial would soon be available, and that Tom would be reviewing these prior to the next meeting.

Kathy and Tom Furtaw met and talked about the jury process. Kathy stated left messages with Art Serve, but that no one had returned her calls. She asked members for other suggestions for possible jury members. Commission suggestions included art school faculty and art gallery staff. Kathy asked Tom Kane if he would sit on this jury, whether he was an active employee or a retiree. Tom stated he would be honored and accepted.

3. Financial and e-Store Update: Dane Hengesbach

Dane provided an updated financial report for all Commission members. Kathy stated she had received an invoice for the mugs and plaques, and that she follow up to ensure this vendor has registered in MAIN to receive payment. Diane Philpot made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Richard Darling. MOTION CARRIED.

Lin asked Dane if he had received checks from the spaghetti dinner held January 25th in honor of fallen Detroit police officer, Scott Stewart. She continued that this event raised \$8,000 for the monument fund, and that he should be received those checks soon. Kathy suggested the Stewart's be recognized with a plaque, and members agreed.

Dane indicated there was nothing new to report regarding the e-Store. Kathy stated she will forward a digital picture of the mug to Cindy Johnson, to be included on the website. Mugs will be available for a contribution of \$ 12.00.

6. Website Update: Lin Emmert

Lin reported that the webmaster is currently assembling interesting photographs for the website, including pictures from past memorials. She continued that MSA has included the MLEOM as a link on their website. As discussed in January's meeting, the FOP and Chiefs of Police indicated they would add MLEOM as a link to their websites. Jim Niewiek volunteered at the last meeting to make some

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inquiries with the State Troopers to do the same. Discussion on these links will continue at the March meeting.

7. Trademark Update – Kathy Cole

Kathy stated she would complete the form and present for membership review at the March meeting.

8. Line of Duty Criteria Recommendations – Lin Emmert

Members discussed the issues surrounding pre and post MCOLE certification. Lin reported that MSP has written criteria, and that she will follow up to get a copy. Heart attacks continue to create an issue, given they are considered line-of-duty nationally but not at the local level. Richard referred members to Public Act 265 of 1965, and recommended that the language on “grandfathering” be included in the criteria.

9. Legislative Update: Monique Field

Monique reported that the House passed HB 5620 (expanding boundaries of Veterans Memorial Park) and that the Bill will proceed to the Senate, although the specific committee is unknown. She encouraged members to contact Senators Sikkema and/or Emerson, and that Commission support could keep this bill moving. She continued that Senator Allen could also be contacted, since he was going to be the sponsor. She advised that the Commission could request a bill signing ceremony when it is ready for the Governor’s signature.

10. Next Steps

- Vivian will discuss a Press Release with Edward Woods
- Members are asked to think of quotations, phrases, poems, etc., that can be included in the solicit for design information

Meeting adjourned at 2:10

Next Meeting: March 16, 2006