
MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2012 Meeting No. 56

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, Dane Hengesbach and Catherine Hudson

Visitors: John Buczek, Debbie Swofford, Robert James and Laura Zain

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2012
Chair, Kathy Cole requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 12, 2012, meeting. Motion made by Lin Emmert to approve minutes and seconded by Dian Philpot. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Financial Update
Dane distributed the updated financial report. There were no major donations received or expenses paid this month. Dane continues to follow up on a \$2,000.00 donation that still has not appeared.
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. Pending no action, a letter of Intent to Assess from the DTMB is being considered. Filing suit against Mr. Walker is an avenue that the Commission may pursue as well.
4. Lobbyist/Lobbying Agent
John Szczubelek updated the Commission on regulations for becoming a lobbyist agent. The Commission was advised this was not likely.
5. Laura Zain
Laura drafted a press release. Goal- construction to begin fall 2013. She offered additional recommendations for the Commission as well including: a kick off awareness Statewide for the Memorial; identify large Michigan corporations for support; communicate with cities of Fallen Officers (assistance with fundraisers); 50/50 events at Tigers or Redwings games, benefit from admission ticket sales at Tigers or Redwings; pass out cards with blue ribbons at Comerica Park on April 18; get media involved; get schools involved (those that frequent the Capital for field trips); mass mailings. Kathy agreed to help Laura look for grant opportunities.
6. Other
Kathy did make contact with David Milling Architects. Kathy has requested an updated cost to build the Memorial.

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It was suggested a subcommittee be formed. This committee would make direct appeals to corporate sponsors sending letters requesting contacts for charitable donations.

FOP – Cops on a Run motorcycle rally August 11, 2012. A suggestion was made to get other cities get involved.

Ferndale Police Department: - April 18, 2012: There will be a 50/50 to benefit the Commission. A volunteer is needed to run the booth.

Kathy checked with another company on costs for the window cling. \$1,000 for 2,000 window clings. Commission decided to put this on hold. Commission would rather put that money towards PSA's.

Jim Niewiek informed Kathy Cole of his resignation. Kerri will report this up through DTMB in hopes of getting an appointment. Other Commission members will work through their contacts as well in hopes of getting the 2 Commission vacancies filled. Jim will need to submit a resignation letter to the Governor's Office.

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

There being no further items for Commission approval, Chair Kathy Cole suggested motion to adjourn meeting at 2:40 p.m., motion made by Diane Philpot and seconded by Lin Emmert. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2012