
**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2009

Meeting No. 36

Kathy Cole, chair person, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. in the OPS Conference Room, at the Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan

Members present: Kathy Cole, Jim Niewiek, Richard Darling

DMB staff present: Kerri Droste, Dane Hengesbach, and Karen Stone

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2008
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard Darling, seconded by Jim Niewiek. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Financial Update
Dane distributed a copy of the Financial Report through April 8, 2009, and summarized the financial activity for the Commission. Dane added a *date* column to the donor list as requested by Lin Emmert at the last meeting. Dane announced that \$12,500 was received this month through the tax check-off box and no expenses incurred. Kathy Cole presented Dane with \$443.00 from pins and mug sales. Current balance stands at \$75,200.00 (rounded off).

Kathy inquired as to the process to continue the tax check off box. Is it automatic for three years, or do we have to make another request? Richard stated that it depends on a number of factors: the actual boilerplate, if the statute has a sunset clause, if the legislation is year specific as well as other various nuances which make it complicated to determine. **Richard will research this particular legislation and send an e-mail to Kerri with his response to this inquiry.**

3. Update – Governors Appointments
The Commission is still short two (2) members. Tom Furtaw, passed away, and Jim Salo, could no longer serve due to health issues.

Neither Kerri nor Kathy has had any luck getting an answer regarding this matter. Kerri indicated that she has left several requests with the Governor's office, and they have not gotten back with her yet. Kathy Cole stated she had contacted Barb Byrum's office this week. Kathy also placed a call directly to Mike Cox's office; she spoke with his secretary but has not as yet received a call back. The Commission continued discussion as to other possible options and/or contacts that might be able to assist and lend a hand in this very lengthy process.

4. Update Contact Information for Commission Members
Kerri provided a roster of Commission member's names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. She passed it around for updates so she has current information on all Commission members. She will share the document with all members upon completion.

5. Other
Lin and Kathy attended the annual MACP (Chief's) meeting in February. They sold mugs, and also gave away packages containing ink pins, notepads, the tax

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check-off box information sheet and a MLEOM flyer, to the attendees. Kathy stated that she also plans on attending the FOP and the MAS conferences in June. Kathy requested more poster boards for the next meeting, and Richard said he has one that is still in good shape that Kathy could use for these meetings and he will bring it to the May meeting. Kerri thought she might have a couple poster boards as well.

John Buczek and Kathy Cole have not yet scheduled the first subcommittee meeting assigned with the important task of fund raising for this memorial. Kathy will try to get a meeting scheduled soon to obtain law enforcement contacts within each community.

Kathy will call Citibank to follow-up with her request for selling coins. They never got back with her.

Kathy stated that the memorial model/replica is very difficult to lug around to their meetings. It heavy and cumbersome and you need two people to carry it. Richard Darling suggested placing the model on the actual memorial site, with a base displaying the logo and a weather-proof acrylic cover for it. More discussion followed regarding thoughts and ideas to freshen the current sign, such as adding the logo to the sign, using sealed poster board, etc. Kerri will follow up with prices for an acrylic cover and a base for the memorial replica.

Jim Niewiek made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for the base and acrylic cover for the memorial, including installations. Richard Darling seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made for Kathy Cole to attend the upcoming (2) police conferences in June; Richard Darling approved, Jim Niewiek seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Next Steps

Jim Niewiek volunteered to research the license plate frames. They should be white with blue lettering and the ribbon logo. Discussion followed regarding what it should say on it, "Michigan's Fallen Officers" with the MLEOM website on the bottom, or MLEOM on the top of the frame, etc.

Jim will provide prices at the next meeting. He will get a quote for 2,000 license plate frames.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14 @ 1:00 p.m. in the
Stevens T. Mason Building – OPS Conference Room**