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

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Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2009

Meeting No. 38

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Kathy Cole, chair person, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the OPS Conference Room, at the Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan

Members present: Kathy Cole, Jim Niewiek, Lin Emmert, Diane Philpot, John Szczubelek

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

1. Welcome New Member

Kathy welcomed Mr. John Szczubelek as the newest member of the MLEOM Commission! Each member of the Commission introduced themselves, and gave John some background as to how they came to serve on this Commission.

John stated that he works for the Attorney General's office in the criminal division since 1987, and worked with Tom Furtaw (whose seat he replaces). John stated that he is somewhat familiar with law enforcement culture and will do his best to assist the Commission with their requests.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2009

Lin Emmert asked that item #9 of the minutes be changed to reflect she will be attending the MACP conference, not the COP conference. Kathy moved for the Motion to approve minutes with changes, Lin Emmert made motion, seconded by Jim Niewieck. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Financial Update

Dane distributed a copy of the Financial Report as of June 5, 2009, and summarized the financial activity for the Commission. Dane stated that \$4,067.00 was received this month through the tax check-off box with a **total** so far collected of \$58,427.00. The only expenses incurred this month were for the new posters. Current fund balance stands at \$96,696.20. Kathy Cole presented Dane with a check in the amount of \$50.00 from a mug order for a golf outing. Dane stated that we could break the \$100,000 mark very soon.

The Commission members will continue to work on developing more contacts with the larger tax preparers (for next year). Most of these businesses are receptive and supportive of this cause and allow the members to leave flyers and MLEOM brochures for their customers. This will help to assure the \$100,000 contribution goal is achieved!

4. Update – Governors Appointments

Kerri stated that we are getting closer; her contact at the Governor's office, Eric Wilford, has submitted a recommendation to replace Jim Salo, as Chaplain. Stay tuned for further updates at the next meeting.

5. Citizens Bank Update

Diane Philpot indicated it was her understanding that they would get together with Citizen's Bank after the first of the year to meet with their PR person. Diane stated that the original plan or recommendation was for Citizens Bank to partner

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with the Commission during Police Week (in May) to sell the MLEOM coins. However, due to the pandemonium within the banking system recently, there was no follow up from them.

Diane made a follow up call and they talked about this coin promotion being rescheduled for NEXT May, (2010). Citizens has 85 branches and are very interested in promoting this since they are a Michigan based bank. Lin inquired as to why Police Week in May and not sooner.

More discussion regarding the tax check-off box (sample) they will provide to the tax preparers and how soon they would be ready. Kerri will follow up with Corie since Richard Darling was not in attendance at this meeting.

6. Update on Sign Addition

Kathy made an attempt to contact the sign company that we used on the existing sign, and found out they were no longer in business. She made some more calls; one sign company wanted to see the property and was to fax a price today and one vendor wanted to see the property and would have a proposal ready next week. (This sign would be compatible and complementary with the existing sign).  
**Kathy will provide the sign quotes from both companies at the next meeting.**

Discussion continued with the Commission deciding to add the website on the bottom of the sign, and remove the "site plan aerial view photo" to make more room for the monument photos to be used as a visual aid of potential donors.

**Lin Emmert will write a new "blurb" to be used on the new signage.**

7. Sign Lighting

Kerri stated that DMB could actually tie into the MLHC or Vietnam Memorial electrical at a cost of approximately \$800.00 for the initial hookup and in addition, they would have a monthly utility fee. The lighting most likely would be on a timer, the same as the Vietnam Memorial. **Kerri is still waiting on solar lighting cost information, and she will provide this update at the next meeting.**

8. Update on License Plate "Cover"

Jim Niewiek did a GREAT job on these license plate covers. Jim stated that the company requires a three-week notice for future orders. They look great, and Kathy gave away approximately 200 at the recent Sheriff's (MSA) conference. The FOP conference will be this Friday and Saturday, unfortunately no Commission members can attend, so Kathy will send some license plate covers to the conference. **The Commission members agreed they will put out a donation box with these covers at all upcoming conferences and fund raisers** in case people wish to make contributions. No money is required, since it is free advertising, but this gives people the option of making a donation.

Jim Niewiek will take some boxes of the license plate covers to Pam at the Grand Rapids post, Kathy will get some to MiColes and other agencies and each member took some of the plate covers. Kerri will deliver to the local police in Lansing.

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Kathy asked Diane to follow up on the 120 coins given to Terry (from Sterling Heights P.D.) There has been *no* money received and he still has the coins. Diane said she would give him a call and ask him to either send a check or return the coins.

9. Update of Subcommittee

John Buczek, Ray Beach and Kathy Cole were to create the fund raising subcommittee. Unfortunately, Ray has retired and John is very busy with the reorg so the fund raising subcommittee is on hold for now.

10. Other

- Commission members reviewed the tax form format and determined it was fine. No changes are required.
- Kathy updated the group on her discussion regarding the license plate (\$25,000 up front fee) for "The Thin Blue Line", legislation that passed the House and the Senate last month. Bill for the new (\$25.00) plate includes a breakdown as follows: \$15.00 to the Thin Blue Line, \$5.00 for Victims and \$5.00 to Tuition Bill. Kathy spoke with a legislator, to inquire about the possibility of the bill being amended to allow MLEOM to have \$5.00-\$10.00 toward their memorial fund. Stay tuned.
- John Szczubelek stated some time around 2004; he had a discussion with Sean Carlson, regarding the possibility of selling advertising space on State vehicles. He suggested this might be another option for the Commission. Kerri will research this initiative, and update us at the next meeting.

11. Next Steps

- Lin suggested updating the website with some new information and a new look.
- Commission to discuss the fund raising subcommittee and how to proceed on raising funds for this memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9 @ 1:00 p.m. in the  
Stevens T. Mason Building – OPS Conference Room**