

The meeting was called to order at 1:10.m. in the Director's Conference Room of the Lewis Cass Building.

Members present: Lin Emmert, Richard Darling, Jim Niewiek, Kathy Cole, Diane Philpot

DMB staff present: Dane Hengesbach, Karen Deering

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2006

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

2. DMB Letter authorizing use of monument site: Kathy Cole

A letter dated July 5th, 2006, and signed by DMB Director, Lisa Webb Sharpe gives official approval of the .76-acre parcel of land to the Law Enforcement Commission to design and construct a memorial to *Fallen Law Enforcement Officers*. This is the official authorization needed to begin construction!

3. Future Site signage: Kathy Cole

Kathy submitted bids to a few different vendors, but has not received any prices or quotes back yet. The signs were made of different materials, (wood, plastic, etc.) The Commission agreed that they wanted the logo on the sign with verbiage something to the effect: *The future site of a memorial honoring Fallen Law Enforcement Officers. Fundraising efforts are currently underway, for more info, go to www.MLEOM.org.* Suggestion was made that we could print on the bottom "donated by" if a vendor was willing to donate the sign at no cost.

4. Fundraising Update

Status of group meeting with law enforcement organizations and associations: Kathy Cole

- Tentative date of 8-9-06 or 8-10-06 (Wed. or Thurs.) and will be held at the Library. Kathy has to make one more phone call and will then send out the letter to the agencies. Some discussion as to what the letter should say, "we invite your participation in and welcome your input" was verbiage discussed.

2006 MSP Retirees' Banquet on August 25th – Richard Darling

- Richard stated that this was a function that could possibly generate some revenue and he would check with Colonel Peter C. Munoz, Director of State Police, today to obtain permission to set out flyers, mugs and pins. (He challenged that he would double the amount of mugs currently sold via the e-store (3) three.)

Vanco Services: Dane Hengesbach

- We have currently hit a minor snag with the new vendor since any transactions involving possible credit card sales, must be approved by the Ad Board. Vanco will invoice DMB, but the new vendor may be on hold until at

least [August]. DMB has not yet met with Treasury to discuss how we would handle daily deposits, etc. It is a work in progress, but the Government process is sometimes slow. The vendor would charge us .25 cents per transaction. More updates to follow as information becomes available.

Groups targeted for contributions: All

- Jim stated that members need an overall plan, a base to identify groups who can support our cause. We need to research what statewide organizations, community service agencies, corporations such as Meijers, Dow Corp., etc. would donate to the cause. It was agreed that major contributors (\$5,000 or more) would receive a plaque, as well as receive accolades at the dedication ceremony for their generous contributions.
- Diane will bring information to the next meeting regarding the website for Community Foundations; philanthropists and humanitarians that want to give their money away to worthy causes. She indicated there was a tremendous amount of money to be given away.
- Suggestion made of placing a kiosk (similar to the one at the MSP monument) in the HOJ building.
- Discussion about selling *memorial bricks* to be placed around the memorial to raise funds, but must not detract from the memorial itself.
- Lin reported that Monica Sise was holding a Texas Hold-Em tournament as a fundraiser and wanted the tax ID number for MLEOM. The Commission agreed that MLEOM would not sponsor a gambling tournament for liability reasons, and suggested a Euchre tournament instead, which requires no license and still can raise several thousand dollars. If they still want to hold a poker tournament, check with FOP, VFW or the American Legion to obtain license.

Grantsource:

- Jim Salo and the Director of this company will attend the August meeting to provide specific information on identifying foundations and grants for a fee.

5. Financial Update

Dane provided an updated financial report, indicating a current fund balance as of 6/30/06 of \$44,718.24.

6. e-Store Update – Dane Hengesbach

- Dane stated there were three mugs sold and a few donations to the e-store since the last meeting. The picture link is back and the mug order site is up and running.
- Dane had an inquiry from an individual that had ordered a mug on line, and had not yet received it. Dane asked Kathy if she had mailed them out and Kathy said she would get them in the mail this week.

7. Call for Entries: Tom Furtaw

- Kathy has spoken with Tom twice and he indicated that he has the basic plan drawn up, he will tape record it, and Kathy will type it up. He will try to send a "DRAFT" copy to the Commission for review prior to the next meeting and possibly submit to the AG office for review as well. The Commission is
- determined to finalize the document at the August 17th meeting, so they can release it effective **September 1, 2006**.
- Tom Kane will provide a list of universities, community colleges, and professional organizations that should receive the information regarding the design competition at the August meeting.
- There was discussion regarding a pre-press release announcing the MLEOM acquired the monument site from DMB and that the design competition for the memorial will begin on 9-1-06. Vivian will update Commission next week.

8. Website Update – Lin Emmert

- Discussion as to what could be added, suggestion that donors names could be listed on the website.
- Will post a photo of the entire MLEOM Commission with the "sign" once it is placed at the monument site and issue a press release with the names of the Commission members included.

9. Line of Duty Criteria Recommendations: Lin Emmert

Jim Niewiek provided a copy of the MSP Fallen Trooper Memorial Criteria and Lin distributed a DRAFT copy of her criteria document along with a copy of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act [203] of 1965.

- Richard suggested three minor changes as follows:
 - Second paragraph, first line, remove the word *Michigan* before police officer, serving in Michigan.
 - Second paragraph, item d) remove the words, *who was a resident of Michigan and* so it reads A Federal Law Enforcement Officer serving in Michigan
 - Last paragraph, second sentence, change the word *die* in the line of duty, to *are killed*, to be consistent with the rest of the document.
 - Commission agreed to all changes after some debate and agreed that if you get to specific, it only makes the task harder. Unanimous agreement to add the verbiage – "Decision of the Commission will be final."
- Lin will draft the final document for review at the August meeting.

10. Next Steps

- Plan for the Library meeting with the heads of the Labor Unions, FOP's, MSP, POA, etc. in Lansing. Kathy will notify members of the final date by next week. Commission members are encouraged to attend.
- Finalize the Call for Entries document at the August meeting to allow for publication on **September 1, 2006**.

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- Issue Pre-Press Release in August announcing the monument site is official and the design competition will officially begin on 9-1-06.
- Order the sign after quotes are received! Commission gave Kathy authority to choose between wood / plastic options and limited dollar amount to \$500.
- Discussion regarding the 100 Club, Public Service Announcement ad on TV featuring the “police and the community they serve.” Could the Commission release something similar or even borrow from their ad to bring in revenue? It’s a very popular concept in this day and age with Homeland Security issues, terrorism concerns, etc. Members to research.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10

Next Meeting: August 17, 2006