

**MINUTES
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
APRIL 8, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cody Miller at 7:02pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Cody Miller led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Adams, Mary Brown, Shawn Gassler, Cody Miller, Jeanette Remsen, Jared Valdez

Excused: Anne Bracarello, Kelly Fleming, Rebecca VanDexter, Ptl. Borkowski, Cncl. DiLucia, Tori Fleming

Unexcused: Patricia Covington, Colleen Reitz

The Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission did not have a quorum for the April meeting. No official business was held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, there was no voting of minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Cody Miller spoke in reference to Red Ribbon Week. All items have been received – water bottles, pens, t-shirts. Cody personally bought (2) \$25.00 Barnes and Noble Bookstore gift cards for high school students. He said that he and Jeanette Remsen will be putting the prize packs together and going to the schools on Wednesday to give to the students. Any remaining t-shirts left will be given out to contest winners at National Night Out. Cody said that he was in contact with Regal Cinemas and it wouldn't be cost feasible to have students to come up with a video contest to show at Regal Cinemas for Red Ribbon Week, so a different contest will have to be done. Jeanette suggested a poster contest, like what was held in the past and had them posted in banks to show off the posters. Jared Valdez suggested an essay contest. Aileen told Cody she had visited a website with ideas for community sponsoring Red Ribbon Week; she will email Cody that website link. Jeanette suggested having it all figured out by August to be ready for Red Ribbon Week in October. Cody noted that the committee for Red Ribbon Week consists of Mary Brown, Anne Bracarello and Colleen Reitz.

Cody spoke in reference to National Night Out. He said that Jeanette has been in contact with vendors and organizations for the event. The banner was ordered, but no update of its status has been received. Cody said yard signs were previously mentioned for advertising; he will speak with County to make sure they can purchase these. Jeanette said they will ask Jim Bonder where he orders the signs from Parks & Recreation events. Jeanette said that last year, they ordered 200 soft pretzels; need to figure out how many pretzels are needed for this year. She said that she needs a member to contact Uncle Mike's Water

Ice for a quote on the cost of a 5-gallon container of water ice, lock in the date of August 1st and have them fax Jeanette an invoice. Jeanette said for the bounce rides, Dan Horner's company was used; she said that Anne mentioned a different company the month before, so she will ask Anne to contact a company for the bounce rides. Jeanette mentioned the contests held last year – pie eating, watermelon eating and hula hooping; gift cards were given for contest prizes. The DJ last year was Glen Lanzalotti, who gave a very reasonable price; she asked the members in attendance if anyone minded that she contact him again, no disagreement. Police Explorers received \$800 for food last year. Jeanette said that the monies might have to be disbursed differently this year for the food, maybe check written to ShopRite for the Police Explorers to purchase. Aileen read aloud the email from Kelly Fleming in reference to the photo booth company she had contacted in Turnersville. Jeanette mentioned the other photo booth company is in Hammonton; 2 hours for \$695.00 or 3 hours for \$795.00. The quote received from this company for Monroe's National Night Out is 2 hours for \$475.00 or 3 hours for \$575.00, which is the same as the other company. Jeanette mentioned that at a previous meeting, Anne did not agree to use this Hammonton company, because it is owned by a township employee. Cody asked if one company was better than the other; no one knows, but Jeanette said she's more comfortable with using a company run by a person that they have contact with. Cody asked the opinions of the members in attendance. Cody said that they will wait until the May meeting to discuss which photo booth company to go with. The Commission previously discussed not having pony rides, but Jeanette thinks that they should for the younger children. Baby Paws Farm was used in past events. The Commission tried to use them last year, but they never responded or showed up for the event; another pony ride company can be contacted.

Jeanette asked if the Commission is attending the Music Fest or Fall Harvest Fest, where they can hand out their items. She and Cody feel that more children would attend the Fall Harvest Fest, which is more kid-friendly than the Music Fest. Cody said the Commission will have a table to handout their brochures, pens, water bottles, t-shirts and bags.

Jeanette spoke in reference to the Haunted High School. She said she called Positive Promotions a while back and they said when they have their 2013 catalog available, it will be mailed out; wrapped candy will be bought with drug-free messages to be given at the Haunted High School, instead of candy bought at Sam's Club.

Mary mentioned that she had a received a thank-you note from the high school for the Project Graduation.

Cody said there's a training meeting with the County at Auletto's Caterers on April 30th; Jeanette and Cody will be attending, Jared said he might be able to attend. Cody will reserve for 5 members.

Jeanette said for the Fall Harvest Fest, Cody, Pat Adams and she will not be able to tend to the Alliance table, because they will be tending to Parks & Recreation for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of April 8, 2013 was adjourned by Chairperson Cody Miller at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Wojciechowski, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission meeting is Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of April 8, 2013 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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