

MLACWS Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2015

The meeting was called at 7:32. Prayers and Pledges were said.

President's Report - Dave Difatta apologized for his broken computer. He was also not able to contact Susan after Wolcott Mill to get an after action report.

Vice President's Report - None

Treasurer's Report - There was a \$200 donation to the 4th Texas from a presentation that Tim Puzella did. A correction needs to be made to the report to reflect that the betrothal Dinner purchases should be made from the CFI and not MLACWS. Larry O'Donnell made a motion to accept the report with corrections. Amanda seconded it. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report - A correction to the minutes was requested to reflect that Wolcott Mill purchased a speaker system for \$1,000 and not MLACWS. Larry O'Donnell made a motion to accept the report from the October meeting with corrections. Charlotte Bauer seconded it. All were in favor. As to the special meeting on October 11th - Judie Gondek acted as recording secretary in Becky's absence. Judie read the minutes. Steve Domke made a motion to accept the minutes. Tim Puzella seconded it. All were in favor.

4th Texas Report - From a military standpoint, Wolcott Mill was a successful event. There were 75 men per side. The men liked the tactical because no one knew what they were doing. Both battles were successful and the grounds were well prepared. The surrender scenario was excellent, although there was a shortage of wood and water. The 102nd Colored Troops were thrilled to be asked to attend our event and there was positive feedback on their end. The reenactor conference is tomorrow, November 7th. Bob Schoof will go to represent us. The battalion meeting is also on November 7th. Alan Allgaier will represent us at that meeting.

CFI Report - The fashion show went well, though don't give Ricky a hard time on being in it with the kids. The Flag presentation was very nice and the music collector was out to show the collection for the last time. On the civilian side, the event seemed well attended. The candle light tours went well as well as the farmer's market and pie auction. Thank you for coming and helping with the betrothal dinner!

Preservation - A call to the director of Save The Flags will be made.

Old Business:

Wolcott Mill - Kathy will be retiring at the end of next year. A discussion of many people coming in claiming to be a reenactor who are not in period clothes was had. Reenactors should only be using the back gate. The Mill needs to charge people who are not wearing period clothes including relatives of reenactors. The Mill has no follow through and there's no records of past events in their files.

Christmas Party - This is the last opportunity to join in. There are 56 people at this time. Of that 56, 52 are paid at this point. The dinner will be from 3:00-7:00 pm. The \$100 deposit

has been paid plus the \$10 per person. Steve will pay the tab and then submit a bill for reimbursement. The total will be approximately \$1,000 or less. Please bring Civil War books for a drawing so that most people can have a door prize.

2015 Elections - If you are interested, please see the committee (Amanda, Steve, or Becky).

New Business:

Co-Hosting Wolcott Mill - Would it be good to enter a partnership with the 21st Michigan to co-host Wolcott Mill? Some of the concerns are: can we delegate responsibility, how would we set up meetings when everyone can come together, do they have a big enough military to help support the event, and would they be willing to share the registration responsibilities? Larry O'Donnell made a motion that we form a committee to approach the 21st Michigan to discuss the possibilities to see if our groups would be compatible. Denise Devoe seconded it. In a hand vote the decision was 6 yes, 6 no, and 2 abstentions. The motion is dead.

Charlotte Bauer made a motion that we send a letter to the 21st Michigan thanking them for their scenarios and that we will continue to host by ourselves, but we thank them for their support. John Fross seconded it. All were in favor.

Michigan Monument at Antietam - Brian Eagan wrote a book and the proceeds are going towards building a monument to Michigan soldiers at Antietam on private property. This is another preservation project we could support in the future.

Coffee and Donuts - Tim Puzella has offered to pick up coffee and donuts for the meeting each month. The cost to MLACWS is \$21 this month.

Secretary's Side Note - At the end of the year, Becky will finish her 10th year as secretary and will retire in January.

Larry O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Fross seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Efird

