

MLACWS Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2015

The meeting was called at 7:28. Pledges and prayers were said.

President's Report – none

Vice President's Report – In reference to the donation given to us by Dakota Starr, he is very much in favor of us donating it to Save The Flags in Gretchen's name. I would also like to thank Joe Frost for a great time at Mackinac Island.

Treasurer's Report – There is no refund from the insurance this year to this point. Judie would like to step down as treasurer and she needs someone else to step up before she leaves for Vegas if possible. In the meantime, Denise Devoe is volunteering to collect dues. Charlotte Bauer made a motion to accept the report. Richard Gondek seconded it. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report – The minutes were read. Joe Frost made a motion to accept and John Fross seconded it. All were in favor.

4th Texas Report – In Steve's absence John Fross had this to say: We had a great turnout at the Village of 30 plus guys on Saturday and Sunday. There were 25 plus guys on Monday. At Dexter there were 12 men out to support the 4th Michigan. Many men committed to Hastings but very few showed. No one went to Hale Farm. Jackson was the same old Jackson but it was a good event. At Fort Mackinac there were 20 privates, 5 commanders, 3 prisoners, and 15 civilians. Next year the invitation is probably wide open. The fort sent us a disk with pictures from around the park on them. The boat tickets were a big commitment from the park and that rarely happens. The luggage transfer was flawless. It rained Friday night but all in all it was lots of fun. The fort was impressed with how professional our group was. Can we possibly get a group rate on rooms next time?

CFI Report – Bonnie Bakewell did a presentation in June for our group that went well.

Old Business:

Wolcott Mill – The committee met three weeks ago with Kathy and Susan. They are providing firewood, straw, port-a-potties, publicity, fliers, and newspaper/radio ads possibly. We can't put up our own signs because it's county property. They will print schedules and waivers but no children's pages. Steve and the Federal commander will be meeting to go over the battle plans. At the time of the meeting, there was no set plan/schedule for a pie auction or farmer's market. The CFI was committed to putting these events on the schedule so Charlotte will plan out the market and pie auction. Jackie Schubert will be in charge of the candlelight tours. We'd like to ask for no more than 20 in a group with 5 groups. You can pre-purchase tickets online so we need to ask reenactors at registration to do scenarios. The park does have a sound system.

There are possible changes of location this year for the military camps and the Peacock. Curfew is at midnight. If possible, we may have some U.S. Colored Troops participating for the day. If so, we may need to talk to them about their impression and being period correct. Denise is taking charge of registration so please sign up for times. We have no sutlers promised to attend this year so if they don't show it will give us more room. The CFI is looking into a Professional Period Music and Dance group from Houghton Lake to perform during one of the afternoons.

New Business:

Christmas Party – An email was sent out the group with the proposal. The email was only sent to the military however. The proposal from Steve Domke was read aloud to those attending the meeting. According to the bylaws any motion needs to be posted in the newsletter and voted on at the following meeting. The party would be on Sunday, December 13, 2015 with a three hour time limit. That is a very small amount of time and it is a concern. This event is a formal dress event.

Motion by Charlotte Bauer: Steve Domke at his own expense will spend \$100 for the deposit at Ardmore for the December 13th Christmas Party. His fee will be reimbursed upon approval of the membership present at the next meeting.

It was seconded by Joe Frost and then retracted after discussion.

Motion made by Judie Gondek: The Christmas party celebration on December 13th at the Ardmore will cost \$10 per person to be paid by the individuals. MLACWS will pay the balance. MLACWS will have the ability to choose the menu which will stay under an additional \$15 per person. Steve Domke, at his own expense will pay the \$100 deposit.

Carson Bauer seconded the motion. This motion will be voted upon at the October meeting.

Joe Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Gondek seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 9:13.

Submitted by Becky Efrid