

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

Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2020

Meeting No. 123

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:05 p.m. in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lake Superior Conference Room.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Bryant Osikowicz, Deodge Hill and Kenneth Rochell.

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative and Dane Hengesbach DTMB Representative, Joel Gordon DTMB Representative via conference call

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP

1. Approval of the December 5, 2019 Minutes:

Mary motioned to pass the minutes as is. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Fundraising:

The Commission discussed potential fundraising opportunities with the Michigan Police Unity Team, Cops on a Run, the 100 Women Charitable Foundation, and the monument donor wall.

Deodge suggested a goal for 2020 of \$25,000.

3. Memorial Site:

The Commission discussed possibly hosting a candlelight vigil at the memorial on National Police Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2020 or after the annual MICOP's Peace Officers Memorial, May 6, 7:00pm.

4. Memorial Site Event Application:

Until the Commission decides on a process for events at the monument site, Georgia will notify the commission if any applications to utilize the site are presented to DTMB.

5. Memorial Snow Removal:

Joel led a discussion on the effects of salt for snow removal on the sentinels, pavers and concrete as well as available options.

Joel suggests that additional measures to protect the sentinels are likely needed. He suggests further information needs to be gathered and that a shield of some kind may need to be utilized.

The lighting issues with the monument have been resolved.

For now, DTMB will continue to use salt as needed and the Commission will agree upon a long-term solution before next winter.

6. MLEOM 5K 2020:

Deodge led a discussion about maximizing fundraising for the 2020 5K.

Planning and promotion for the event needs to start now. Deodge recommends keeping the same weekend as previous years: June 28th, 2020 (the fourth Sunday in June). The Commission also discussed possibly aligning the event with Cops on a Run to increase attendance.

Currently, Deodge would like assistance typing up a notification to the local homeowners and businesses on the route, procuring insurance, and sourcing a business for t-shirt design.

The Commission has t-shirts and winner's metals left over from last year's event.

Georgia will email the Commission members the current event application for this and other potential events.

7. Financial Statement:

Dane led a discussion about construction related expenses.

Joel advised the Commission that there were a couple purchase orders related to construction that may need to be reexamined in spring.

Dane delivered an up-to-date financial summary and list of current donations.

Dane inquired if the Commission was going to continue utilizing their credit card machine for processing donations or if it is no longer needed.

8. MLEOM Legislation:

Lin led a discussion of bill #321 which was currently with the House of Representatives, the current number of names that would be added to the memorial, and probable costs if the bill passes.

Mary led a discussion about how the bill may widen the donor pool for the monument.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2020

Meeting No. 124

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:03 p.m. in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lake Superior Conference Room.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Bryant Osikowicz, Deodge Hill, Katy Sherwood, and Kenneth Rochell.

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative and Dane Hengesbach DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Sgt. Chris Gerard MSP Legislative Liaison, and Alex Cousineau DTMB

1. Approval of the February 6, 2020 Minutes:
Mary motioned to pass the minutes as is. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. MSP Legislative Liaison:
Lin led a discussion where Sgt. Chris Gerald listened and discussed the Commissions financial and space concerns about the pending legislation that would impact names to be added to the memorial.

Sgt. Chris Gerald suggested he could attempt to assist Lin in getting an opportunity to speak about her concerns.
3. Financial Statement:
Dane provided an up to date financial statement.
4. Memorial Service:
The Commission discussed providing the memorial site as an option for annual MICOPS candlelight vigil.
5. Fundraising:
Deodge led a discussion about what is needed for the 5K run this year including event insurance, shirts, portable toilets, and water bottles.

Debbie led a discussion of other potential fundraising opportunities including pairing the 5K run with Cops on a Run.
6. Events Process:
Lin led a discussion of options for an events process for the memorial. The Commission decided to use the current, in-place, DTMB events process for the time being.
7. Term Limits:
A list of Commission members with terms ending in June of 2020 was shared.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
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Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2020

Meeting No. 125

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:02 p.m. in a virtual Teams session.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Bryant Osikowicz, Deodge Hill, and Kenneth Rochell

Commission Staff: Alex Cousineau DTMB Representative, Dane Hengesbach DTMB Representative, and Joel Gordan DTMB Representative

Guests: Kathy Cole and Debbie Swofford FOP

1. Approval of the February 6, 2020 Minutes:

An amendment to the February 6, 2020 minutes was made. The spelling of Sgt. Chris Gerard's name was corrected. Ken motioned to approve the change. Mary seconded his motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Mary motioned to pass the minutes as amended. Ken seconded Mary's motion.

2. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up to date financial statement.

There have been a couple credit card donations.

\$9,200 donation from Midland Area Community Foundation/Tigers is still not showing up. Dane will follow-up on this item.

There will be some construction and utility costs yet to come.

3. Monument Maintenance:

BOD will clean salt residue off of the memorial in the spring.

Some of the monument pavers are discolored. The Commission is still considering options to address the issue.

4. National Police Week:

Alex will see if BOD can have the flags at half-staff for police week.

The event scheduled for May 15th must be cancelled due to COVID 19.

Kathy Cole will reach out to local law enforcement departments to see if an alternate to the event can be coordinated.

5. Legislation:

Senate Bill #321 is with the Michigan House Judiciary Committee. The Commission agrees to not engrave any names at this point until they know the direction of the bill.

6. Fundraising:

The Commission has a goal of raising \$25,000 in donations for 2020.

The MLEOM 5K was cancelled due to COVID-19. Deodge led a discussion on whether to reschedule the 5K for fall or to host a virtual run instead. T-shirts and banners could be mailed to the participants.

Cops On A Run has been re-scheduled for September.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020

Meeting No. 126

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:03 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Deodge Hill, Kenneth Rochell, & Katy Sherwood.

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP

1. Contract Modification:

Joel presents the contract modification to the Commission in the amount of approx. \$16,000. No exact number is presented.

Joel will look over the current contract for any available funds that can be reallocated toward the contract modification. Lin proposes a motion to approve an allocation not to exceed \$17,000 to cover the cost of the contract modification. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel has received a sketch from David Milling for an amendment to the sentinels to better protect them from winter salt damage. Joel will get a figure for the additional cost and then the amendment can be voted on.

2. Monument Maintenance:

Jerry Keeder gave an update on the state of the site and monument including some concrete that needed repair, a frame on a light fixture that needs replacing, and some shrubberies that will need replacing.

Metering for electric and irrigation, separate from the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, through the BWL, is underway.

3. Approval of the May 7, 2020 Minutes:

Deodge motioned to pass the minutes as is. Kenneth seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

4. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up to date financial statement via email prior to the meeting for review.

5. Donor Thank you Letters:

Mary has a digital signature she will send to Georgia to use on donor thank you letters moving forward while the Commission needs to meet remotely due to COVID 19.

6. Legislation:

There was a discussion of senate bill #321, no significant movement has been made regarding this bill since the last meeting.

7. Appointment Terms:

Lin & Kenneth have not asked to be reappointed but will serve of the Commission until proper replacements are appointed. Mary, Katy, & Deodge have applied for reappointment.

8. Fundraising:

The fundraising goal for 2020 will most likely be amended.

It does not look like the Commission will move forward on the MLEOM 5K for 2020 at this time.

Cops On A Run is cancelled for 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020

Meeting No. 127

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:01 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Deodge Hill, Kenneth Rochell, & Katy Sherwood.

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative.

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Jerry Keeder and Brent West of the SOM, Building Operations Division.

1. Memorial Monument/Contract:

A replacement for a damaged light fixture will be received and replaced in mid-September.

Joel present the Commission with options in terms of adding names and the construction contract or a maintenance contract.

Lin recommends gathering additional information and revisiting this topic at the next meeting.

Jerry opened a discussion with the Commission about how changes in their structure or contract could affect maintenance payments.

The Commission thanks Jerry's team for cleaning up staining on one of the sentinels.

The Grounds crew followed-up on the weeding request for the monument.

2. Sentinel Base Covers:

Joel will get the drawing of the proposed change to Lin. Joel estimated the cost at a couple thousand dollars, but the Commission is waiting to receive hard figures. The Commission can vote on the change once all the information is received.

3. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up to date financial statement via email prior to the meeting for review.

Dane explained the financial implications of rolling open orders into the new year.

4. Meeting Minutes:

Mary motioned to approve the meeting minutes as is. Bryant seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

5. Additional Names to be Added to Memorial:

The Commission looked at proposed names to be added and discussed a timeline for those additions.

Bonnie indicated to Lin that once the names have been vetted it would take the firm approx. a month to complete the process.

The Commission will need to decide if they want to pay for a blank panel to be put in place of the sentinel that will receive additional names, while the work is being completed.

The voting members discussed options for the process and timeline of adding names including COVID-19 considerations.

At this time, the Commission estimates that they will have new names unveiled in May of 2021.

6. Memorial Mile Fundraiser:

Debbie lead a discussion of a virtual fundraiser opportunity. Packets will be mailed out to participants. The Commission plans to post photos of the participant packets to FB, the website, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29p.m.

**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
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Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020

Meeting No. 128

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:03 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Deodge Hill, Kenneth Rochell, & Katy Sherwood

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative, Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative, and Dane Hengesbach DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Alex Cousineau DTMB, Brian Boehm DTMB, Lydia Amaya, Bill Luebs MSP, Undersheriff Chuck Heit with the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, and Kathy Brown MICOPS

1. Motion on Public Comments

Lin informed the Commission that she had been advised that three minutes for public comment, per person who wishes to make public comment, is standard. Also, that commission members in their role, are to listen to, but refrain from direct responses, to public comments.

Lin motioned to approve giving three minutes per individual who wishes to make public comment. Katy seconded the motion.

Mary motioned to approve giving five minutes per individual who wishes to make public comment. Katy seconded the motion. Mary, Katy, and Kenneth voted to approve the motion. Lin voted nay. The motion passed.

2. Memorial Monument/Contract:

1st year warranty walk through has been completed and issues have been addressed. New light fixture has been received. Joel will verify installation.

Joel is continuing to look into a Plexiglass-like protective covering to put around the base of the sentinels to protect them against salt. Lin emailed a drawing of the salt shields that David and Joel recommend for protecting the sentinels. The Commissioners were in favor of purchasing those at an approximate cost of \$8,000.

Joel suggested using an ISID contractor to address short term maintenance needs. He also recommended revising the current MOP to add \$24,000 for the sentinel covers and some short-term maintenance.

Mary motioned for approval to fund a MOP revision not to exceed \$24,000. Ken seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Security Cameras

The Commission would prefer to have two or three cameras. Three locations are being considered on the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Hannah Building, or Hall of Justice.

Hall of Justice location would have a better view of the west side of the memorial but would only be monitored during business hours by HOJ security.

Location considerations and cost need to be re-evaluated.

4. Minutes

Deodge motioned to pass the minutes as is. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up to date financial statement. There has been minimal activity since the previous month.

6. Signage

Mary suggested posting signage at the entrances for the monument pointing visitors to an online resource that identifies the name location of fallen officers. Logistics and costs for this would need to be determined.

7. Additional Names to be Added to the Memorial:

The Commission reviewed names to be added to the memorial.

Lin suggested appointing a sub-committee to review names. Lin asked Katy and Deodge if they would volunteer. Katy and Deodge accepted.

Katy's contact information will need to be added to the 'submit an officer' portion of the website.

8. Memorial Mile Fundraiser:

Seventy-four participants have registered and paid. Twenty-five more race packets need to be sent out.

The deadline was extended until the end of September.

9. Chaplain Replacement

Debbie recommended candidates to replace Kenneth.

Mary announced her resignation. She thanked members of the commission for allowing her to be a part of such a great organization and spoke about how much she's enjoyed her time working with the group and her experience helping bring the memorial to fruition. Mary will remain serving until she has a replacement.

10. Public Comment

Summation of Public Comment #1: Undersheriff Chuck Heit with the Berrien County Sherriff's Office

- Chuck Heit said he wanted to speak today in order to represent two Berrien County court officials who do not currently meet the MCOLES criteria for name placement on the MLEOM Monument
- Sheriff Chuck Heit expressed an interest in having the MLEOM Monument mirror the more broadly inclusive National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial guidelines
- Sheriff Chuck Heit explained that he has been working with legislators to propose changes to the criteria for the MLEOM Monument

Summation of Public Comment #2: Kathy Brown with MICOPS

- Kathy extend condolences to the family of Corporal Bryant Searcy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office who was killed in the line of duty on September 2, 2020.
- Kathy recognized the commission members for closely following HB 5494 as required by the law and stated that the commission members do not decide the statute that governs them and placement on the memorial

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2020

Meeting No. 129

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:04 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Deodge Hill, Bryant Osikowicz, and Ronald Griffin

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative, Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative, and Dane Hengesbach DTMB Representative

Guests: Lydia Amaya

1. Roll Call:

Lin will send information about the Commission members and roles to the newest member, Ronald Griffin.

2. Approval of the September 3, 2020 Minutes:

Lin motioned to approve the minutes as is. Ronald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Memorial Construction Update:

Joel suggested the Commission discuss how they want to define the project being under construction and when they will be able to close out the project.

Joel will check with Moore Trosper about their needs regarding the project bond and report back to the Commission.

Lin will speak to the FOP about the future of the Commission's structure.

Joel has reached out to Nowak & Fraus asking for a proposal for the sentinel guards. Joel will share the proposal once it has been received.

Jerry Keeder and Brent West from the SOM facilities team are to be invited to the next meeting to discuss current and projected maintenance and utility costs.

4. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up-to-date financial statement.

The Commission is expecting a check from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation for a fundraising match that occurred last year. Lin advised the group that John Szczubelek, former MLEOM Commission Chair, would be reaching out to the organization about the funds. Debbie Swofford is still expecting a check from the Detroit Tigers fundraising event.

Memorial Flags:

Georgia asked the voting members what they would like the process to be for flags that have flown over the memorial. The State of Michigan facilities staff currently check the

flags weekly and replace them once they start to show signs of wear. The discussion included the possibility of presenting families of fallen officers with a flag. Presenting flags to donors who contribute to the memorial over a certain dollar amount. Or presenting the flags to members who have served on the Commission.

Mary will look up costs associated with honoring families with a flag and possible assistance with the raising and lowering of the flags.

The Commission members will continue the discussion at a later meeting.

5. Commission Appointments:

Lin welcomed Chaplin Ronald Griffin and invited him to introduce himself to the Commission.

Chaplin Ronald Griffin has worked as a Wayne County Chaplin who supports many law enforcement families through loss and other hardships associated with that vocation. Ronald also has many family members, active and retired, who have chosen to serve in law enforcement. He looks forward to learning about the monument and the Commission's work.

6. Resolution for Kenneth Rochelle:

Lin motioned for a resolution to honor Kenneth Rochelle's work as a member of the Commission, citing his many years of service. Mary also spoke about Kenneth's dedication to the Commission and invaluable contribution even during off-hours. Mary motioned to pass the resolution. Ronald Griffin seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

The motion will be included as an attachment with the minutes.

7. SB 321:

Lin shared about the current statute that governs the Commission and SB 321.

The Commission discussed possible changes to the monument and financial considerations if the bill passes.

8. Memorial Mile:

The virtual race will continue into October until the remaining registration packets are purchased.

9. Security Cameras:

This item has been tabled until November. The Commission is waiting on a quote.

10. Memorial Signage:

This agenda item has been tabled until November while more information on available options is gathered.

11. Special Thanks to DTMB Commission Representatives:

Lin said a special thank you to the DTMB Representatives who have aided the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020

Meeting No. 130

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:04 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Katy Sherwood, and Ron Griffin

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Lydia Amaya, Debbie Swofford FOP, Jerry Keeder from BOD & Brent West from BOD

1. Approval of the October 1, 2020 Minutes:

Mary motioned to approve the minutes as is. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Memorial Construction Update & Sentinel Guards:

Joel still has not received a quote on the sentinel guards. He will reach out to the firm after the meeting.

Joel advised Moore Trosper's contract is ready to be closed in the near future.

Joel asked if there is any update regarding MLEOM's statute. Lin advised that she will be speaking to the FOP about a way forward but there is nothing definite to report at this time.

Joel advises that there has been movement on the lighting that needs repair, but the work has not started at this point.

Jerry advises that a linear light in the walkway also needs repair. Moore Trosper is required to replace this light as part of the project punch list.

3. Maintenance & Utility Costs:

Jerry advises that this has not yet been finalized.

4. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up-to-date financial statement.

The Commission is expecting a check from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation for a fundraising match that occurred last year. Lin advised the group that John Szczubelek, former MLEOM Commission Chair, would be reaching out to the organization about the funds. Debbie Swofford is still expecting a check from the Detroit Tigers fundraising event.

5. Fundraising:

Checks anticipated from the Gerstacker Foundation, The Michigan Police Unity Team, & The Blue Knights.

Georgia to follow-up with Dane on why the Tigers check isn't reflected on the financial statement yet.

6. Appointments:

Recommendations have been made for Mary & Lin's successors. The Commission as a whole will be updated as soon as the voting members hear from the Governor's Appointments Office.

Once the other anticipated chair's are filled, Lin recommends filling the official roles within the commission.

7. Memorial Signage:

No report as of yet. It's anticipated that this topic will be covered in the next meeting.

8. Memorial Flags:

Georgia will coordinate with Mary and Jerry to get the rotated flags to the MLEOM Commission.

9. New Criteria for Officer Inclusion:

PA 215 of 2020

The criteria has been changed for inclusion on the memorial to match the national monument's standards.

The website will need to be changed to reflect this change. Lin recommends looking up the Indiana website as a possible source of inspiration, Indianan also use the national memorial as their standard.

Debbie advises that usually all of the names to be honored will be completed by the end of the previous year but additional names can come out from national as they are approved even up to early May. She also advises that COVID-19 related deaths are planned for inclusion on the national wall.

10. Memorial Mile:

The online sales are officially over. When closed out on November 1st the event had garnered 118 participants.

11. Security Cameras:

Jerry Advises working with the HOJ directly moving forward. HOJ is on its own security system and OIP would not be able to assist with that location.

Jerry to set up a follow-up meeting with her HOJ contact, Frank Mraz.

12. 2021 MLEOM Commission Meeting Dates:

The Commission will vote on these dates at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2020

Meeting No. 131

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:03 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lin Emmert, Bryant Osikowicz, Mary Johnson, Katy Sherwood, and Deodge Hill

Commission Staff: Joel Gordan DTMB Representative, Dane Hengesbach, and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Lydia Amaya, Debbie Swofford FOP, Jerry Keeder from BOD & Brent West from BOD

1. Approval of the November 5, 2020 Minutes:

Katy moved to approve the minutes as is. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Security Camera

Jerry reported that Frank Mraz has said he will honor the discussion with his predecessor for the memorial security camera, charging the Commission only for the costs of any needed maintenance, without an ongoing/monthly service fee. Honeywell can provide the camera and perform the installation for around \$5,500.

Frank Mraz would be able to provide video when requested at no additional expense. The camera would be solely dedicated for the memorial. Two camera models were examined. There was an additional cost of \$150 for a superior zoom lens. Jerry recommended the higher quality camera for the price and the rough estimate provided at \$5,500 assumed the higher quality device.

Honeywell has not yet set a proposed install date.

Jerry could facilitate a letter of understanding between HOJ, DTMB, and the Commission.

Bryant asked to have a proposed letter of understanding prepared for the next meeting.

Mary proposed a motion to allow Bryant to approve the camera purchase, as long as the letter and other circumstances meet with his approval and meet the expectations of a Commission approved not-to-exceed-amount in the interest of expediting the camera approval. There are several Commission positions changing hands and the desire is to not leave this work unfinished before the changeover. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Memorial Construction Update & Sentinel Guards:

Joel proposed an ISID could be set up to have Moore Trosper finish up remaining work.

Joel made suggestions to the Commission about alternate panels or placeholders that could occupy the space of the panels while the new etchings occur.

Georgia and Jerry are asked to see if BOD has space to accommodate the alternate panels or placeholders when not in use.

Mary noted an issue with the clear portion of the panels. She will send out a photo of the issue so it can be addressed. Brent will check on the panels' status and update the Commission.

4. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up-to-date financial statement.

Dane allocated 10K to cover annual utilities for the monument. Jerry said BOD will provide statements on maintenance costs. There is not much preventative maintenance required at this point since the monument is still relatively new. Maintenance costs are predicted to be mostly be lawn care related.

5. Names to be Honored:

Lin has spoken to Bonnie, one of the architects who assisted with the monument construction, and Bonnie advised the cost of removing the panels and engraving, then returning them, would cost approximately 6-8K, per panel. It was proposed that the 4 panels with the most space available be removed in order to accommodate the names.

Lin shared a draft list of the names to be included. At the time there 46 names. Mary agreed to set up a subcommittee of volunteers who can review the list for accuracy as well as any other names that will need consideration. Debbie, Deodge, Bryant and Katy volunteer to join the subcommittee.

6. Donors:

The Blue Knights need to be honored on the donor wall. Debbie will look into how they would like their name displayed.

MLEOM is still waiting on a donation from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

7. Appointments:

News is expected from the Governor's Appointments Office soon.

Lydia Amaya is a co-founder of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), a current member of the Michigan Chapter. She has been appointed to represent the Michigan State Troopers and she is a survivor of her husband who was killed in the line of duty 4 and ½ months after they were married. Lydia is looking forward to meeting the Commission.

Larry Garner is the FOP nomination to replace Lin. He is a captain with the Warren Police Department and a survivor of Chris Wooters, his brother-in-law.

Lin led a welcome to the new, anticipated members.

8. Memorial Signage:

Mary is looking into low-cost signage options to help families find their officer. She proposes possibly a plaque or garden, stake-style, sign.

The Commission also discussed sharing directions on the website with signage at the memorial directing visitors to the website for help finding their officer.

9. Memorial Flags:

BOD has 3 flags that were flown over the memorial to give to a voting member of the Commission, once the Commission decided how such flags should be processed.

Mary will send out a survey to gather voting member's thoughts on the topic.

10. Website:

Updates are needed regarding the inclusion standards and the section that defines an officer.

Lin referenced the Indiana website where they utilize the national standard as a point of reference.

A voting member needs to work up recommendations and submit them to Andrew for submission to the website.

This topic will be further discussed in the next meeting.

11. 2021 MLEOM Commission Meeting Dates:

Deodge motioned to pass the 2021 meeting dates. Bryant seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.