

## Official MABA Minutes – October 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Annex. It was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on October 6th, 2013. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Deb Breeding, Ruby Simms, Tom Mulholland, MinDee Sommerla, Gary Jones, Lynn Christinsen, Liz Baldwin, Kate Phelps, Mary Poort and Nancy Dixon.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Deb Breeding and seconded by Patty Beres.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$10,819.53, New recreation project \$28,311.04, Gateway to Chaos \$10,662.55, Malvern Bucks \$260. The first weekend of Gateway of Chaos reported income of Tattoos \$11.00, Admission \$1,526, Concessions \$69 and Bug Sales \$13.00. En Plein Air BBQ expenses were Meat \$63, prize money \$900, \$100 for Dumpster. Income was registrations \$720, BBQ \$675.50 and donations \$1,000. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mindee Sommerla, seconded by Amy Smith. Motion Carried.

The En Plein Air was good. There were a lot of good comments...

The outdoor exercise equipment project along the trace was discussed. There is a grant for \$4500 available. Bev has found outdoor fitness equipment in Colorado. This is a set-up bench, push up bar and a pull up bar. It would be placed between 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> south of the Depot Building. The equipment will be cemented in. Signs to tell what they are and how to use the equipment will be posted. A bike rack will also be cemented in. A sign to recognize Mills County Public Health and MABA will also be posted. The only stipulation the Trace Board made was that this can be mowed around easily. Jack May will be doing the cement work. MABA will pay for the labor.

607 Prospect is no longer owned by MABA. The last week of September the City of Malvern took possession. Property taxes will be taken care of by the City. Rebecca Johnson bought the little shed for \$100. Rich Goodman will demolish the garage for the lumber within 30 days. Firemen have been notified they can do their practices anytime. Lee Dinklage took sellable items found on the property. This will sell on an Auction of October 21<sup>st</sup>. City Clerk is taking care of the application for demolition of the house.

Liz Baldwin and Nancy Dixon were introduced and welcomed. They have the business in the old Joyfully Yours Building.

The Malvern Recreation Park Project update was given by Bev. The Park Board is submitting plan B to the City Council this month. Plan B proposed the pool to be moved to where parking lot is now. It would run North and South. North of pool would be the basketball court. Cost estimate for this plan is 2.5 million. City will say yes or no. MABA told Park Board we would help raise \$100,000 for this project. Park Board thanks MABA for whatever we can do. A \$15,000 Grant from Mills County Foundation was discussed. Bev will write a letter to tell them our plans and see if they will allow us to use some of it for 607 Prospect property. Engineering Bill will be \$4,000 which will come from the Recreation Account.

401 & 403 Main Project and the DNR Grant were discussed. SWIPCO Engineer said 401 need structural work. Peter Franks, Architect over whole project plans to start meeting with business owners in November and December. Everything will be done by the end of 2014.

SWIPCO honored City of Malvern with the Shining Bright Award for the Community work done in Malvern.

There was a Gateway to Chaos report from Kari Fry. She thanked everyone who has helped. There were 194 people that went thru on the first night. Took in over \$1500. The expenses for the Haunt are over half paid for already. Six haunt actors from Sioux Falls came down to learn from us. Everyone has done a super job.

Bev reported she had talked to Jeff Deyoung with the Mills Masquers about co-sponsoring the Gateway to Chaos. They were willing to help us but have nothing to offer except people to help. Their building is not big enough. So we are looking for buildings yet. Have to move Gateway stuff by the end of December. Directors for next year could be Kari Fry half time and Jen half time as co-directors. Building our own structure was discussed again. Kate Phelps will ask Jeff Anderson about property by Agriland. It was the consensus of the group that we should move in the direction of our own building. Astro building could be a winter project.

Greg and Cheryl Jones and Greg and Bonnie Pierce are planning on going to the Community Building Board again about renting the Legion Room for the Welcome Center. It was agreed that up to \$100 per mo. could be offered.

A report on the Festival of Trees (Dec. 7) was given by Mary Poort and Patty Beres. A letter was sent to the 4-H Leaders to see if they would be willing to help with the Kids Activities. FCCLA or EMAYS might be interested in serving a lunch. A winter ball dance that night for youth was discussed. There will be no Variety Show. The Tour of Homes was discussed. Santa will be there from Noon to 3:00. At night will be Dinner. Kay Glynn's Tap Dancers could be the entertainment with Bingo afterwards. Mindee and Deb would be willing to do the Bingo. Patty Beres does the sign up for vendors.

The Lantern Launch will be as in past years. It will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> if weather is permitting. Zack Jones will get the Christmas tree for the Park. It will begin at 6:30 P.M. It will start with singing some Christmas Carols, decorate the lanterns, have hot chocolate, light the Community Tree then launch the lanterns.

The nominating committee is Deb Breeding, MinDee Sommerla and Ruby Simms. They will present a slate of officers and Board members at the next meeting.

Kate Phelps is on the Membership committee. Membership Committee will send out flyers with just membership and about MABA not the recreational project information this time. Sent to existing members through PayPal and received a good response from that. Plan is to send out in December. Mail to every person in Malvern. Bev will appoint rest of the Membership Committee.

MAPA out of Omaha is meeting with regional Omaha area and South West Iowa Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Glenwood for long term planning. Nancy Dixon and Tom Mulholland will go to this meeting.

It was discussed how we feel about becoming a Main Street Community? City Council would have to agree to do this. Tom Mulholland doesn't think there are enough people willing to volunteer. Would need a Board of Directors and a half time person. Also four or five other committees. Malvern each year would receive \$125,000 in consulting & design services. Pros and Cons were discussed. Deb Breeding, Kate Phelps, Nancy Dixon and Tom Mulholland will help. Application is a letter of intent that has to be submitted by November 7<sup>th</sup>. Next deadline would be December 7<sup>th</sup>. In January a group has to go to Des Moines.

Independence Day next year will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> because Knop family planning a reunion. Want to plan additional games.

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Pink Out meeting at Methodist Physicians Clinic at 8:00 a.m.

There will be a ribbon cutting at Stich in time/Crazy Women Creations on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.