

Official MABA Minutes – December 14, 2014 The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Malvern Public Library. It was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Bev Dashner. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Vice President Cheryl Jones, Secretary Diane Clay, MinDee Sommerla, Greg and Bonnie Pierce, Mary Poort, Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Rebecca Johnson, and Ruby Simms.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by MinDee Sommerla and seconded by Rebecca Johnson. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report was as follows: Regular checking \$8,047.33, New recreation project \$30,307.30, Gateway to Chaos \$15,699.44. Malvern Bucks \$390. Pay Pal account \$905.82 (balance included in regular checking total) The Pay Pal account was explained and discussed. **Patty Beres made a motion to approve the treasurers report, MinDee Sommerla seconded. Motion carried.**

The festival of trees made a \$375 profit. The festival received \$50 in the donation boxes. The option was discussed of asking the church to pay part of the advertising cost for the Cookie Walk. It was decided this is a nonprofit activity that we can help out by including them in our advertising.

2014 FESTIVAL OF TREES The festival had 23 vendor tables, 30 trees, 264 people voted for their favorite trees, 113 kids visited Santa and the wreath raffle brought in \$255. The breakfast income was \$300. It was discussed if non-profit organizations should pay for a space in the basement. The non-profits this year were given a 60% discount. There was not enough help for tear down and clean up but no one was asked to help. Next year we will be sure to have a tear down committee.

MABA needs to thank the Malvern Leader for all their support. There will be a 'Thank You' ad put in the paper next week to acknowledge everyone who has helped/supported MABA's activities.

Lantern Launch The launch was a success making \$918. It was a beautiful night and there were a lot of new faces this year. Cheryl and crew gather up lanterns on the ground the next day. Next years lanterns are already ordered as we are down to 40 lanterns. It was discussed where to store the left order lanterns and the new ones when they arrive.

It was reported we will have one applicant applying for the Scholarship.

Gateway of Chaos requested funding to do events during the year. A budget of \$50 per month as a budget was discussed. The option of sending a leader and one or two others to the Haunter Convention which would include travel expense, with the attendees covering their own food. This was tabled with a decision to be made at a later date. Ruby Simms made a motion to approve up to \$50 for the Gateway of Chaos group to attend the Squirrel Cage event and to approve future events as they are presented. Bonnie Pearce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welcome Center Report We received many positive comments at the Festival of Trees Open House with the number of people attending doubling from last year. There is the possibility of a new candidate applying. Zack Jones offered to cover some hours at the Welcome Center so the gym could

be open more often. The idea of a 'Gym Open' sign could be posted outside when there is someone in the Welcome Center.

The Independence Day Celebration/Fair 2015 Carnival Contract was discussed. MABA Committee has been in negotiation with the Mills County Fair Board about joining the first day of fair and the Independence Day Celebration on the same day, July 11th. The Carnival contract was discussed. The cost of the Carnival is \$5,000. The presale tickets will all go to MABA. The carnival will keep the \$5000 and all the monies brought in while they are here. The Fair Board will split the cost with MABA. The details with the Fair Board are still being worked out. Most of the rides are for younger kids so it is also being discussed asking the National Guard if they can bring their zip line and Rock Climbing Wall. The 4-H kids will not have to pay to enter the gate.

The Valentine Dinner will be on February 8th. We will have a magician performing thanks to a donation from Jessie Burdic (who won the services). He will be there as long as he wants. Thank You Jessie Burdic. The menu discussed was fish and something else. We will have the Photo Booth again. The issue of what to do about no show reservations was discussed, with the suggestion of overbooking by 10 and to have the over flow go into the bar and to ask Classic to mention that this is a fundraiser and to let us know if they are cancelling.

Bev gave a Recreation Park Report concerning Grants and Bids. Deb will stay on the Park Board for the next year. MABA received a \$30,000 Costello fund. There is a \$24,000 bid for the retaining wall and there was another for a couple thousand more. Unsure if they were similar. That leaves about \$6,000 for surface. The City Council is writing a grant to finish funding for the park. There was a suggestion by Bonnie Pierce to have some Gateway of Chaos money given to the rec project. The Mills County Community Foundation will be having another grant coming up soon. Maybe we could ask for another \$25,000. It is estimated \$50,000 to \$55,000 for the playground equipment.

401-403 Façade project Fred Moreau was thanked for keeping us in the loop on the project in pictures. Pinnacle isn't licensed for asbestos so they will either have to get a license or subcontract it out since asbestos was discovered. They still must have things done in time or there is a \$2,000 a day penalty. This project is on hold until Pinnacle can figure out what they are doing.

Election of Officers and Board Members The slat presented was President – Deb Breeding, Vice President MinDee Sommerla, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Laura Shehan, Board Members Mary Poort and Amy Smith. Rebecca Johnson moved to elect the officers and Board Members as presented. Greg Pierce seconded. Motion carried.

MISC - A schedule of meeting dates and events was passed out. MinDee Sommerla suggested that Malvern do something similar with our businesses like the Glenwood Shop Hop was.

It was discussed that the downtown flower pots were looking bad. Diane Clay went to Wild Rose and asked them if they would be willing to decorate them for the Winter Season. The cost for this was \$500.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 pm