

Official MABA Minutes – February 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Malvern Public Library. It was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Deb Breeding. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Lura Shehan, Greg and Bonnie Pierce, Mary Poort, Patty Beres, Amy Smith, Scott Shehan, Bruce Breeding, Bev Dashner, Cheryl Jones, Chance Beres, Fred Moreau, and Ruby Simms.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$7,135.19, New recreation project \$30,462.30, Gateway to Chaos \$15,571.58. Malvern Bucks 675. Pay Pal account \$1,120.02. The Marathon in September made \$1,890. **A motion to approve the treasurers report and seconded. Motion carried.**

**Valentine's Dinner** reported by Cheryl Jones. 79 people have made reservations. There is a need for another server volunteer. The Saxophone player and a Magician will be the evenings entertainment. We have twelve door prizes donated by local businesses.

**401-403 Buildings** MABA applied thru SWIPCO for an Iowa West Grant. We requested \$50,000 and were awarded \$40,000. We are also applying for tax credits of approximately 25% of the cost. An application has also been submitted thru Franks Design Group. This is a two-step process, if a yes is received then more paperwork will have to be submitted.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> work on the 401 building was shut down by the EPA because the contractors were not licensed for asbestos removal. Work on the building is on hold until the City and Pinnacle Construction can reach a mutual agreement as to how to proceed.

**Youth Award** Patty Beres presented the requirements. Members discussed the option of two awards, one for elementary age of \$100 and one for High School-College age of \$300. Applicants can apply as many years that they meet the requirements. The awards will require an essay with a minimum of 200 words on a proposed question.

**Welcome Center** Ruby Simms reported on the installation new windows. A person interested in working in the Welcome Center has filled out an application. Members discussed the donation of a computer desk for the Welcome Center but because of the limitations of the door opening the desk will not fit. There was a discussion for the need to improve the interior of the Welcome Center.

**Policy and Procedure Manual** Bruce Breeding reported on his half of the policy and found nothing out of place. He would like a handbook be given to all volunteers. Insurance on volunteers was discussed. A volunteer form was discussed. Options on how to circulate the manual was discussed: to have the volunteers sign a form that we have given them a Policy and Procedures Manual, placing it on the Web site for volunteers to read or emailing each member yearly. Scott Shehan will report on the first half of the Policy and Procedure Manual at the next meeting

**Independence Day Celebration/Malvern's Sizzlin Summerfest/Mills Cty Fair** The Fair Board/MABA will meet and discuss the schedule of Saturday and who is doing what. The Parade will be at 11:00. MABA will have the Fishing contest. Friends of the Library can have their Race the Trace as Fair Fun Run is on hold. MABA will start charging at the gate at 4:00. MABA will be doing pushball, parade, coin toss and Fireworks. We need an identity instead of Independence Day given our celebration is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of July, Bev suggested Malvern's Sizzlin Summerfest.

**Gateway of Chaos** Deb read an email from Kari about those going to the Expo for the Haunt. The expenses are van rental, gas, food, event entrance and Hotel. There are five people going. A daily food allowance was discussed. There was a motion MABA pay \$225 for travel expense and \$30 a day for food allowance including Cheryl. There was a second and motion carried.

**EnPlein Air/BBQ** Steve Barrett is looking to take the BBQ contest and partner with the Fire Department. Members discussed having an artist reception on Friday or Saturday. More ideas were discussed for the event like having artists bring two or more things to display/sell in an effort to get more artists more involved. The judging would be done on Saturday instead of Sunday. This event will be the third weekend of June.

**MISC** There was only about 25 membership renewal fliers returned. A suggestion was made to send them electronically, cutting the expense to have fliers printed and mailed.

Deb Breeding would like to see MABA have a mascot. She asked to group to think about this idea and see what suggestions they could offer.

A Golf Tournament fund raiser in May or June was discussed. The cost to rent the Golf Course are Friday \$500 and Saturday \$1000, by getting sponsors for each hole would more than cover the cost of the rent. The tournament shouldn't take a lot of man power for a one day fund raiser. Kate is looking into more details for MABA.

The option of having a Shop Malvern similar to the Glenwood event was discussed. Also discussed was having a ribbon cutting on Main Street when the downtown project is completed, with a block party and dance. Plans for this event to be discussed closer to the completion of the project.

The Loess Hills Funeral home is going to have their Glenwood Chamber coffee in Malvern. Watch for detail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.