

Official MABA Minutes –February 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Malvern Public Library and called to order at 4:00 p.m. on February 7, 2016.

Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Bruce Breeding, Bev Dashner, Lynn Christiansen, Cheryl Jones, Chance Beres, Mary Poort, Ruby Simms and Ed Mulholland.

Minutes were read and unanimously approved with a motion and second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$13,716.79. Gateway of Chaos \$14,918.55 . Grant \$26,550.28. Pay Pal \$1,035.77. Malvern Bucks \$690.00. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried.

Community Building Renovation is progressing. The contractor John McCollum of T & J Construction has been paid \$8,850 for the ADA work and \$3100 for the dry wall work to be done. At the Liberty Building Board's request MABA is overseeing the building renovations and keeping the Board informed as things progress. The demo of the drop ceiling revealed the original tin ceiling in good shape allowing us to not have to put another drop ceiling in place. Lighting for the room will try and match an original globe found in the building in what is known as "schoolhouse design".

There are over 90 reservations for the **Valentine's Day Dinner**. Cheryl reported she had enough volunteers to staff the event. Musical entertainment will be Joe Lullo and wife at a cost of \$225. Next year we will look to hire an entertainer instead of musicians. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner service will start at 7:00.

The **Mills County Foundation Grant** was submitted by February 1st. MABA applied for directional/informational signage for the community. The total cost estimate came in at \$47,000, which included four directional two sided signs and five park signs. The grant request was for 3 signs, one at 9th and Main, 5th and Maine and the Wabash Trace Depot for a total of \$25,000. Results of the grant will be known by the middle of March.

The **Summerfest** will be on June 18th. Plans are to have both Auto Push Ball and fireworks on the Fairgrounds. The day's events will include morning events, with a break after the parade and then the evening entertainment to start between 5:30-6:00. Have morning activities then a break. Evening entertainment ideas were discussed. The volunteers needed would only be people to collect money at the gate. A new chairman was discussed since MinDee Sommerla isn't available, Bev Dashner volunteered.

A miscellaneous activity discussed was the Glenwood Chamber Awards Banquet on March 3rd. Kate Phelps nominated Fine Arts on 5th for new business and the downtown project. A motion was made for MABA to reserve a table of eight. Motion seconded and carried.

Chance Beres offered to check on the building located at the Interstate 29 and Highway 34 to see if it could be rented for the **Gateway of Chaos**.

An article for Gateway of Chaos co-director has been put in the paper and on Facebook with a boost for an additional \$75 to run 7 to 14 days. There have been no responses to the ad.

The butterfly benches were discussed. The benches may need to be modified to make them "safe". The cost and relocation was also discussed should MABA be asked by the City.

Welcome bags were discussed.

The first marathon meeting is tomorrow and Deb will be attending.

Two opportunities to raise funds were discussed, the possibility of RAGBRAI passing thru Malvern and then in August another cycling event that will use the Trace to go from Mineola to Shenandoah and return the following day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.