

Official MABA Minutes – March 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Welcome Center in Malvern and called to order at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2012. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Vice President Cheryl Jones, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Patty Beres, Chance Beres, MinDee Sommerla, Rebecca Johnson, Ed Mulholland, Tom Mulholland, Greg Jones, and Kate Phelps.

Minutes were read and unanimously approved with the correction of Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner server tips went to MABA and the bar server tips to the bar server. If tips were a small amount for the bar server then MABA would add some money. Motion was by Patty Beres and seconded by Rebecca Johnson.

Treasurer's reports was as follows: Regular checking \$16,513.44, Special Events \$15,004.74; Malvern Recreation Project (MRP) \$11,011.56. Fairview Golf Course donated \$9,000 to this project. MABA will donate \$2500 in increments matching up to \$10,000 for the Malvern Recreation Project. Valentine's Sweetheart dinner income was \$2,685 with a profit of \$1,712.62. There were \$185 in server tips and a 100 dollar donation. 88 People ate dinner. Proceeds go to the general fund. Cheryl J. sent thank you notes to the people who made donations for door prizes. The cost for this was \$13.00. The musician donated her money back to MABA and she ate dinner. MinDee Sommerla moved to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Cheryl Jones. Motion carried.

Kate Phelps discussed the Main Street Program. Buildings at 401/403 will be under MABA ownership after the liability insurance is obtained by MABA. The CDB grants will be announced later this spring. With the assistance of Southwest Iowa Planning Agency (SWIPCO) the City of Malvern has applied for a DNR "Derelict Building" grant to assist in the renovation of 401/403 Main Street Buildings. This would go towards the initial examination of the building for hazardous materials, and a structural engineering evaluation to see what is necessary to clean up and restore the buildings. The grant funds will be used to clear out and stabilize the buildings in preparation for the next stages of restoration. Kate discussed what had to be done for Malvern to be named a Main Street Town. First step is a Community Meeting. 50 to 100 people need to attend the meeting May 9th at the Community Building.

The Multi Sport Court project was discussed. The donation box will be moved from the Bank to Classic Café. Purchasing and demolishing of the yellow house east of the pool is becoming a reality. Owner is ready to sell for \$56,000. MABA would be the owner of this house so donations and grants to project go to thru a nonprofit organization. If MABA purchases the house and property Gary Begby will donate \$10,000 by taking this off the purchase price and the Malvern Trust & Savings Bank will donate \$10,000. The possibility of the Fire Department burning the house down was discussed. Costello Foundation could potentially assist with the Recreation Park expansion project. MABA vessel the money comes through for this project which will be donated to the city. Also discussed MABA applied for a \$25,000 grant from Mills County Endowment.

Bev Dashner reported on the quotes for general liability insurance from CIA and Gateway, Insurance through the Alliance for Nonprofits. She passed around some quotes but all have not been received yet.

The Wabash Marathon, Relay and Half Marathon were discussed. It will start in Malvern on September 14th. It was discussed we need more signage directing the runners on the route.

The Heartland Relay Race was discussed. This is organized in Colorado. It will be coming through Malvern on Wabash trace. It is a 200 mile team relay in Iowa on May 11th and 12th. They contacted MABA to see if we would like to participate to use this as a fund raiser. This is a 24 hour event. MABA's time would be from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. There would be two shifts of four people per shift. Runners would come from south then get to the trace to go to C.B. Each station will furnish food and water. The pay would be a minimum of \$1,000 a shift for four or five hours. If anyone knows anyone willing to do this let Bev Dashner know.

Kate Phelps gave an update on the malvernia.com website. It will be done by the end of March.

MABA will be recognized March 14th as the organization of the year at the Glenwood Chamber Banquet. As many MABA members as possible were encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$15.00 each. RSVPs are due by Friday to Glenwood Chamber. Zack Jones will be recognized at the startup Business of the year.

A fundraising auction at Homecoming weekend was discussed. It was decided to not to do this at this time.

The BBQ contest at En Plein Air was discussed. Cheryl J. will check with Gary Jones and J.B. to see if they will chair this year.

MinDee S. reported Independent Day Celebration plans. Three inflatables have been reserved with Brian Hill Co. Vern Knop will send a contract for the fireworks. It is planned to be an \$8,000 event. The Malvern Bank will donate \$6,000. The date is July 6th. Mindee will meet with Dutchman to discuss the possibility of having a raffle for chances to drive an auto pushball car. Dutchman would get half of the money raised. There would be three winners. The raffle would sell for \$5.00 a ticket or five for \$20.00. A live band or D.J. in the evening was discussed. An option brought up was a Battle of the Bands. Rebecca Johnson is checking into details for this activity. There will be another Independence Day planning meeting on March 24th at 4:00 p.m.

The Tourism Assessment Team of 3-4 people is coming in May. They requested to eat at Classic Café and ride bikes on the Trace. They asked for a list of names of possible places to see. Bev is getting this information to them.

The farewell party for Spence and Kimmy needs a plan. No date has been set. An email will be sent to people who worked at the haunt when the plans are finalized.

A plan to do two street nodes was discussed. This is a \$1400 grant. The nodes by 401 Main and by Classic Café are planned. Possibility of art work was discussed. Cheryl Jones will be in charge of getting a chalkboard or pad to put in Classic Café to get suggestions from public.

A thank you note was read from Magician Ryan J. Thomas.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.