

Official MABA Minutes –April 3, 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 April 3, 2016. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort, Bonnie Pierce.

There was no minute's approval as there was not a quorum.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$11,402.97, Gateway of Chaos \$14,918.55, Grant \$25.10, Pay Pal \$408.08, Malvern Bucks \$665.00. Over \$7,000 will be paid back to us by the Mills County Board of Supervisors. They allowed us \$10,000 for new door and ramp.

More memberships were received after Deb sent an email out.

Community Building Renovation was reported on. The new duct work is up. Steve Barrett has reconfigured the duct work and it has been installed. Steve will also do the tin repair to the ceiling. The ceiling paint was tested by Dave Riedemann from SWIPCO and was found not to contain lead in the paint. The ceiling is ready to be painted. Sherman Williams tested three different types of primers and gave us the okay to use a latex primer which will be a time and money savings. A color consultant from Shenandoah was hired to help create a cohesive look for the downstairs. The following color palette was recommended: ceiling light gray, walls sage green and the accent wall in a gold. White will be used to accent some detail in the ceiling and two columns.

The **Mills County Foundation Grant** awarded us \$5,000 from our \$25,000 request. **Vinyl banners** for the light poles were discussed. One should be on the corner at 4th and one on the corner at 5th. Maybe Woody could build some kind of a holder. The size of the grant awarded will require us to be creative in the type of way finding signage we can do.

Jamie Sommerville and son proposed the **Highway 34 signage** renovation project would cost \$2400. This will be discussed again at the next meeting. Deb suggested we share the cost with the Malvern Bank.

Plans for the **Summerfest 2016** are in full swing. The mobile gaming has been contacted and booked with payment due the day of the event. Junior class will be doing the concessions. The Mills/Montgomery Livestock Assn. will be cooking for them and all the food will be ordered from Mulholland's. The fireworks contract is signed. We need to pay by April 7th to get the discount. There will be \$9,000 taken from the Gateway account and \$1,000 from the General account to pay for this. These accounts will be reimbursed after the bank and Kohl's are invoiced for their sponsorship. Elvis is booked for ½ hour of entertainment for \$150.

Discussed under **miscellaneous** was a Marathon Meeting at Imogene is coming up and we will get our check at this time for last year's proceeds.

A RAGBRI/event training seminar Thursday April 7th from 9-10:30 in Council Bluffs at the ISU Extension office and will be attended by Deb Breeding.

The idea to plant spring flowers given that the flower pots are empty was talked about. The conciseness was to just plant flowers for the summer season and skip spring.

Bruce Breeding spoke about the relocation of the butterfly benches. He will be meeting with the Library Board and Community Building Board to see if they would like 2 benches.

The co-director for **Gateway of Chaos** ad was again listed on social Media. We have had a gentleman respond from Omaha, Rich Christensen. He has worked for five years with Mystery Manor and a deep passion for the haunt industry. He was interviewed by Kari and Spencer via phone, Deb and Claire met with him in person. He had a lot of ideas that could bring the haunt to a new level which is a big plus however he does not have a strong marketing or business background which is a concern. No decision was made to hire.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.