

Official MABA Minutes –July 5, 2015

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 July 5, 2015. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Vice President MinDee Sommerla, Secretary Diane Clay, Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort, Bev Dashner, Ruby Simms, and Clare Thalken.

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

Treasurer's report: Regular checking \$36,733.24. Gateway of Choas \$13,030.98. PAY Pal \$895.02, Rec Grant \$27,278.30, Malvern Bucks \$475. Fireworks donations received to date \$1300.00. The treasurer's report was approved.

Rec Park Update: We have paid Leick Construction \$15,834. There will be an additional \$5600 bill for another retaining wall that was needed and to prep the site for the installation of the playground equipment. On July 20th the Park Board has scheduled the installation of playground equipment by volunteers. Benches shaped like the butterflies have been ordered from Woody Jones. They will be powder coated in yellow, raspberry, blue, and purple so they will last longer and hold up to the elements.

Woodman Life company donated flags for the downtown area.

Mindee Sommerla reported on the **Sizzlin' Summerfest** which is on July 11th. Friends of the Library are having the Race the Trace. There will be a Fishing Contest chaired by Mike and Angie Blackburn. C & M's donated gift certificates for all the participants to have an ice cream cone. The winner prizes will be large blitz's. Ruby Simms made 209 contacts for parade entries and has 41 who have committed to be in the parade. Josh from two-country Dusters has been contacted to see if they would perform between 4:00 and 4:30. It was discussed if MABA would have concessions at the Fair Grounds. It was suggested to be from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. MinDee reported she has enough volunteers to take money at the gates now. They showed everyone the different things donated from Sam's Club donated a number of different items to be thrown out at the parade from the tram.

It was reported the **Malvern Market** is doing great. Deb is making a log of who the vendors are each week. The last market will be August 21st.

Deb reported the **Wabash Trace Marathon** will be September 12th. It will be discussed again at a later meeting. The marathon is now Nationally Certified. There is an organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday July 6th.

Gateway of Choas report was given by Clare Thalken and plans are developing in the right direction. It was requested a construction plan of the walls and square footage be made and

given to the MABA president. The Facebook posts on GOC are excellent and very creative. This is under Clare's realm.

It was discussed that the **Welcome Center** is not manned now. Perhaps a volunteer system will be the answer. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour lunch break.

Moreau's Backerei Ribbon Cutting will be on July 18th at 10:00 a.m. It was discussed we might also have a ribbon cutting for Downtown Brown on the same day at 11:00 a.m. Deb will call to see if this can be set up and let us know

The Malvern Community Building Board now has bids for various projects so MABA can work toward getting grants for these projects.

Meeting was adjourned.