

Official MABA Minutes – August 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Annex and was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2013. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Deb Breeding, Kate Phelps, Ruby Simms, Tom Mulholland, MinDee Sommerla, Gary Jones, Chance Beres, Rebecca Johnson, Bonnie Pierce, and Trent Jones.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by MinDee Sommerla and seconded by Amy Smith.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$14,548.75, New recreation project \$29,246.56, Gateway to Chaos \$12,764.69, Malvern Bucks \$270. Loan \$49,705.00 to purchase house. Gary Begbie gave \$10,000 and Malvern Trust & Savings will pay \$10,000. Independence Day profit advertised going to the Rec Project. Seed money for next year was discussed. Three fourths will go to Rec Project and rest of it is seed money. Independence Day made \$4600 so $\frac{3}{4}$ is \$3450 to go to the Rec Project. Deb Breeding moved that $\frac{3}{4}$ of all future fundraising profit money goes to the Rec Project account. Patty Beres seconded. Motion carried. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Fred Moreau, seconded by Tom Mulholland. Motion Carried.

The Wabash Trace Marathon is September 14th at 7:00 A.M. There may be 400 people. 400 welcome packets are being made. Six people will be needed at the start at the high school. Hopefully Zack or someone will be here to take pictures. Letters will be sent to home owners on route from High School to Trace. Planning on putting a couple of motivational signs on 1.4 miles. A bus of runners from Shenandoah will be arriving at 6:15 am. We will provide coffee and water for the runners at the beginning of the route. Plan to have music playing. Progress is being made on water stops. East Mills Volleyball is doing one and Gateway to Chaos is doing a Zombie water stop.

Cheryl Jones gave an update on the En Plein Air. At the Barbeque samples will cost 50 cents for wings and \$1.00 for bone. Will get extra ribs. Could have pulled pork done at noon for the concessions stand and the artists welcome. Art Church has volunteered to let us have the artist reception there. Konfrst is bringing a dumpster and the need for porta potties was discussed. There will be a bounce house for kids. A beer garden was discussed. It would be \$375 for insurance. MABA is in favor of Ben's Excuses Bar to do a Beer Garden as long as he is willing to work with MABA about where to locate it. For kids art they will be using their hands to make art. Mary Poort will judge. There will be a potter, wood working, blacksmith and Phyllis Bruce sculptures downtown. Face painting for the kids. Kids activities are from 1-3 PM. Bonnie Pierce will need help for the concession stand. Maybe ask Cliff and Brenda Scott and Rich and Diane Maaske. Will be serving sandwiches, chips and hot dogs out of concession stand plus drinks, sno-cones and apple slices with caramel. Brent Burgoin will bring his Belgium horses and carriage for rides. The tram will also run. Cheryl Jones has the flyers done and will be sending them to Office Max to be printed.

609 Prospect property is now owned by MABA. City agreed to accept property so they can apply for a grant for half of the demolition. SWIPCO will take charge of the demolition.

Steve Perry, City Engineer has finished a couple of plans for the Malvern Rec Park Project. He will be making the presentation of these plans at the Park Board meeting Thursday. Park board will pick a design then present it to the City. Final bid from Olmsted & Perry is \$4,000. This will come out of Rec Project Money. Fundraising is on hold until a definite plan is decided on. MABA will raise funds for the basketball court and playground not a swimming pool. Ideas on fund raising were discussed. Maybe it could be mailing individuals or to have an auction. Think about how we should proceed.

401 & 403 Main project was discussed. City Clerk, Mayor Michel and Kate met. Pete Franks is the architect selected. There is now a time line. Construction will start in April. Businesses will meet with the architect in October. The official letter from CDB grant has been received. There will be 21 facades in the program. 401 will get DNR money first.

Gateway of Chaos Report was given. There was a message from Kari on the back of the agenda. People are stepping up to half way coordinate next year. She said she would co-direct. Director problem for next year may be solved. The building in Glenwood will be pursued and looking for a co-sponsor. Lions Club of Glenwood will discuss maybe being a co-sponsor. Construction for this year's event is going well. All the walls are up inside and painting is 95% done. Mid-September is when they will start outside construction. Goal is to be done by the 20th. They are working with other haunts to do cross advertising. Work Days are Tuesday and Saturdays 9:00 to 9:00.

Location options for the Welcome Center were discussed. Tim Jackson's office space will probably not work for us. It is only 14' by 16' and has no rest room. Next option to pursue is talk to Ruby at the Meal Site to see if maybe we can share an area in their area in the Community Building. If that is possible then we would talk to the Community Building Board. MABA is 95% moved out of the Library basement. We are paying \$50 a month rent to share the Library basement area. It was discussed whether we should sell the big cabinet or hold on to it. It was decided to keep it and see if it will fit in a new Welcome Center when found.

A ribbon cutting for the new dance Studio was discussed. Deb Breeding will contact her to see when would be a good time and if she wants us to do that.

The Street Nodes project is completed. Bev needs a list of the volunteers so thank you notes can be sent.

Malvern Bucks report was given by Kate Phelps. She has made a page on the Web Site. People are starting to buy them.

A grant application for MCCF was discussed. After discussion as a board we decided to write a grant for a street beautification project. Maybe planters and art work.

MinDee Sommerla discussed the East Mills Booster calendars. 500 calendars are being printed. The cost for advertisement on the calendar is \$50 a month or six months for \$250. MABA is on the calendar. There is a MABA insignia on the top and MABA activities listed on the calendar part.

Thank you from Zack Mass for the trophies for Food & Nutrition and woodworking was passed around. MABA sponsors two trophies at the Mills County Fair. MABA's scholarship application was discussed. No one applied for it last year.

Next meeting will be September 8th in the Library Annex.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.