

Official MABA Minutes –August 2, 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 August 2, 2015. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Vice President MinDee Sommerla, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer, Lura Shehan, Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort, Ruby Simms, Greg Pearce, Bonnie Pearce, Cheryl Jones, Scott Shehan, Tiffany Yakes-Starr, Amy Smith, Patty Beres, and Lynn Christensen.

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

Treasurer's report : Regular checking \$14,927.04. Gateway of Choas \$13,030.98. PAY Pal \$880.02, Rec Grant \$1,752.20, Malvern Bucks \$475. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried..

A **Rec Park** update was given. Playground equipment still waiting to be installed. Installation last time was cancelled. It is rescheduled for Aug. 28th. A photo of the finished powder coated butterfly benches that seat 2 was passed around. The benches were made by Woody Jones. Rest of the Rec Park money in the amount of \$1,752 needs to be spent by the end of the year.

Sizzlin' Summerfest celebration was discussed. Ruby Simms distributed 200 flyers two weeks before the event. The Extension office also took responsibility for distributing flyers. A discussion about MABA possibly paying someone gas expense to deliver flyers next year.

There were 72 entries this year compared to 55 entries last year. Ruby was praised for a job well done. Thank you notes were sent to the parade participants. Ruby informed us that next year she cannot be here, she will help ahead of time though. The Fair Board was pleased with this year's results and has agreed to partner again next year. July 8th thru the 12th is Fair dates. Summerfest will be on July 9th. There was \$1,560 from the presale of tickets for the carnival. MABA will split that amount with the fair board. There is more money to come from the Fair Board for 4-H families and presale tickets. Having an announcer for the auto pushball that would give play by play next year was discussed.

Deb reported on the **Wabash Trace Marathon** that will be held September 12th. We are responsible for four water stations. Start time this year is 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. This year it will start on 15th Street instead of at the High School parking lot. It is now nationally certified so there are certain rules we have to abide by. We will line up volunteers at next month's meeting.

Gateway of Chaos construction has begun. August 1st they moved things out to the Fair grounds. Williams's construction will build the walls this year. Part of the work is donated and the rest we are paying for. The Gateway of Chaos crew will work on Tuesdays and Saturdays till

school starts then they will work Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The kids that work at the haunt can be there up to 12 hours. Some have no money for food or water so it was discussed if we should feed all the volunteers, talking somewhere from 6 to 10 people. Classic Café offered to furnish a water cooler and ice for GOC. MinDee Sommerla made a motion that we feed all workers on work days lunch or dinner. Bruce Breeding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Spencer's garage will no longer be available for **storage** so we need to find new storage space. There is storage available at Quincey Hunt's building. A 10 X 12 would be \$45 and a 10 X 16 would be \$60. The Christmas stuff needs to be sorted through to decide what we now use and what is no longer needed. Greg and Bonnie Pearce offered to let us store in their shed. MABA will need to purchase tubs to put items in. Mary Poort, Bonnie and Greg Pearce will sort through the storage to see what items we need to keep and what need to be tossed. It was discussed the table and chairs could be stored at the Library until we need them with the library having use of them in the interim. Bonnie Pearce will talk to the Library Board tomorrow night about the tables and chairs.

Senator Grassley will be at the Malvern Community Building in the gym on Wednesday August 19th for his Mills County visit from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Community Building will need to be cleaned and maybe some decorations put up.

The **Welcome Center** was discussed. The goal is to have it up and running by September 15th. We are hoping to have it manned by Senior Citizen volunteers. It will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon Wednesday through Saturday with each person taking a 3 hour shift. The main responsibility is to be a face for the community. The board has been asked to look into helping find volunteers.

There are two **Ribbon Cuttings** this month. On Friday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. will be at the Woodman Life Building, for Woodman Life representative and new MABA member Tiffany Yates-Starr. On Saturday, August 15th at 1:30 p.m. will be Moreau's Bakerei.

The **Malvern Library is hosting a carnival** for kids on Saturday, August 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They are borrowing our carnival games and asked if anyone could help.

September 1st is the deadline for **the Costello Grant** which would be before our next meeting. The Community Building Board is asked us to help with getting \$75,000 for the lower level improvements.

A thank you was read for the trophy's we donated to the Mills County Fair.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.