

## Official MABA Minutes –September 13, 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 September 11, 2015. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Lura Shehan, Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort, Ruby Simms , Amy Smith, Cheryl Jones, Scott Shehan, Bev Dashner, and Patty Beres.

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

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$10,747.09. Gateway of Chaos \$11,701.75. PAY Pal \$1,032.47, Rec Acct. \$0, Malvern Bucks \$475. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried.

A **Rec Park** update was given. An invoice for \$2300 was arrived from Boland Recreation Equipment Co. At the time the Rec Park account held \$1700, funds needed to be transferred from the regular account to pay the invoice in full. A motion was made to pay for cement under the butterfly seats. Motion seconded and carried.

Deb Breeding, Bev Dashner and Diane Clay meet with the Fair Board to discuss the future of the partnership between the Fair Board and MABA's **Sizzlin Summerfest**. The Fair Board's proposal was to move the MABA event to Sunday night or to share the gate on Saturday night. There may also be a problem about setting off fireworks on the Fairgrounds depending on the placement of the new building. There is another meeting Tuesday Sept. 15th with the Fair Board and MABA will tell them thank you but no thank you.

MABA has submitted a **grant to la. West Foundation** – Mills County for a Liberty Memorial Community Building basement update for \$88,000.

As October is Breast Cancer month MABA will be decorating the windows on **building 401 and 403**.

The **Wabash Trace Marathon** was a success this year with over 100 runners leaving from the High School. There were people cheering them on downtown

and along streets. Next year it is our turn to choose T shirts color and design and to choose the award metals.

**Gateway of Chaos** is moving along nicely. Deb suggested there is a need to have an inventory of what they have and will be looking for volunteers.

Deb Breeding suggested MABA purchase a light tree for Heritage Park. This tree would be shaped by lights. Christmas Light Show.com has a mega tree that is 20 feet tall. The tree kit comes with an instructional video on how to assemble the tree at a cost of \$279 for the kit. The 3-D star on top would be 30" at a cost of \$90. The tree requires 64 strings of lights at a cost of \$1088. The idea of having the light strings being sponsored in memory of a loved one would enable us to purchase more trees in the future for the park. Where to store the tree and lights is a concern and Deb will approach the City, to see if they would have space in the Maintenance Building, at the next council meeting. There was a motion made to purchase a Mega Light Tree. Motion was seconded and passed.

The plans for the **Festival of Trees** were discussed. The co-chairs are Mary Poort and Patty Beres. We have already started to receive vendor registrations. The event chairs will acknowledge the receipt of these registrations. All vendor requests will be forwarded to Mary and Patty.

**Welcome center** volunteers were discussed. Names considered are Josie Crouch, Mary Jane Gilbert, Dixie Benton, Randi West, and Ruby Simms. Deb is working on getting reopening the Welcome Center with volunteers.

It was reported that the umbrellas and chairs used at the Farmers Market have been moved to Pierce's garage for storage.

There has not be any response from the Federal Government about the \$63,000 grant for the Farmers Market.

A Thank You from Chance Beres was read thanking MABA for honoring him with the Scholarship this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.