

## Official MABA Minutes – September 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Building. It was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Bev Dashner. Members in attendance were: Diane Clay, MinDee Sommerla, Bruce and Deb Breeding, Ethan Richter, Chance Beres, Greg and Bonnie Pierce, Cheryl Jones, Patty Beres, Jacque Mulholland, and Ruby Simms.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce Breeding and seconded by Cheryl Jones, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$7,520, Recreation project \$279.77, Gateway to Chaos \$8,222.68. Malvern Bucks \$290. Bruce made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Ruby Simms seconded. Motion carried.

Wabash Marathon, Sept. 13 was discussed. Volunteers for the morning will need to be at the school at 5:50 a.m. Bus arrives at 6:00 a.m. Need people on the route in town at every corner where there is a turn and at the Trace. Patty Beres will be at the Trace. Diane Clay will pick up signs on Trace later in the day.

The 401-403 buildings & CDBG progress was discussed. Pinnacle Construction from Glenwood got the bid which was \$90,000 less than expected. Hoping construction will be getting started by end of the month. Someone is interested in buying the 403 building.

The Rec Project was reported on. The cement pad is done. Fence with handicap gate is done. Basketball goals will be put up as soon as cement is done. Park Board and bank are paying for the parking and sidewalk. City is paying for handicap gate by moving from center to the side. City no longer plans on doing the sidewalk on the West. Bev wrote a request for the Costello Grant for \$75,000 for playground equipment – retaining wall – surface under playground area. It will probably be decided in September if we get this Grant money. Bev will call the JEO to see what it would cost to get an architecture design.

JEO pool study is done. It is 24 pages long. It costs \$2,400 to have the study done giving three options of what could be done. The southwest side has a problem. The water leak will cost about \$5,000 to fix. To upgrade the pool options were to put in a spiral slide, rock climbing wall, and/or removable basketball. The existing baby pool could be taken out and put in a splash pad there. It would cost from \$100,000 to \$300,000 from Option one to option three. A seven mile radius uses the pool which is about 175 families.

The Independence Day Celebration in 2015 was discussed. MinDee met with a committee of Fair Board members to discuss whether Fair and Independence Day could be combined. MABA would have all the money taken in at the gate that day. We could split the concession like MABA usually does. They were not opposed to having a carnival or Motorcycle Races. Fair Board Committee will take this proposal to the Fair Board Meeting. Both would advertise together. Carnival is free to us. One reason to put Independence Day with the Fair is because RAGBRI is the weekend Fair usually is. Fair dates would be moved to the second Saturday in July instead of the third Saturday. The fireworks and animals at the Fair were discussed. The Parade was discussed. Do we move it to a different time. Gate admission could be raised to \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. If there were motorcycle races it would be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Fair Board will be meeting this week to make their decision.

En Plein Air Art festival and BBQ Contest was discussed. They have a judge and there will be several entries. Paula Barrett and Jeannie Barney will be doing the Kids Activities. There is a chili competition; cost is \$20.00. It will be people's choice. Marty Green will be the D.J. Tim Kohn & Swamp Boys will be coming late afternoon on Saturday. The MABA concession stand was discussed. Who got the supplies last year? We have pulled and sliced Pork so we will need chips, buns, etc. Need to get concession trailer Saturday morning. Concession stand volunteer needed. It needs to be

going by 11:00 a.m. Some Artists were invited to come to be vendors – for demonstrations. Greg and Bonnie Pearce will bring concession trailer and set up. Should have Hot Dogs in a crock pot for dinner.

Gateway of Chaos update was given. The walls or up; working on decorating; training meeting is today. The Haunt will be open on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The dress rehearsal is the Saturday of En Plein Air. There will need to be two ticket takers each night. There is a volunteer for one each night so we need to get one more ticket taker to each night. Also will need a Gate person each night. Bev passed a list around for signup for things needs for Gateway of Choas. Gateway people plan on being in the Homecoming parade.

The Welcome Center report was given by Ruby. She went to twenty four communities and put up over 240 posters for En Plein Air, BBQ Contest, and Gateway of Chaos. Ruby's time with West Central ends on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The item tabled at last meeting of the request to pay for part of Spencer's trip was discussed. Patty Beres moved MABA pay Spencer \$200 for rent for using his garage and if he wants to use that for his plane ticket that is great. Ruby Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Festival of Trees was discussed. Mary Poort and Patty Beres will co-chair this event. It was discussed that maybe a Festival of Tables could be added. Bonnie Pearce and Deb Breeding will Co-chair the Festival of Tables. It was discussed it maybe we should charge for the Festival of Trees.

The Lantern Launch was discussed. Cheryl Jones will be asked if she would chair this event again. The Christmas tree at the Park has been found and put up by Zack Jones. He will be asked if he would be willing to do this again.

The SWI Art Tour will be September 27-28. The Malvern Art Church is included as part of this Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.