

## Official MABA Minutes –September 11, 2016

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, 2016. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Bruce Breeding, Bev Dashner, Ruby Simms, Cheryl Jones, Mary Poort, Mike Blackburn, Greg & Bonnie Pierce, Sharon Chickering, Zack Jones, Patty Beres, Melanie Jackson, and Tiffany Yakes-Starr.

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

**Treasurer's report** was as follows: Regular checking \$13,797.86. Gateway of Chaos \$13,818.55. Grant \$5,000. Pay Pal \$878.09. Malvern Bucks \$415.00. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried.

The **Gateway of Chaos** co-directors were sick. Deb reported there is 20 youth volunteers for acting. The Board members volunteered to find help for the operation nights taking tickets and concession. The first night of operation will be October 7<sup>th</sup>. Kid friendly time is every Friday from 7-8 for \$5. There is a \$2.00 discount donation of a slightly used kids costume or two cans of food.

The next item of business was the Iowa Great Places Grant. How this grant came about was discussed and the very short time frame to put it all together. MABA is giving \$5,000 for the way finding signs. The Malvern Bank was willing to make the match. Mayor Mike Blackburn says it is amazing how fast this was put together. A request was made for MABA to ask if there might be similar changes made to the original grant request. Mike suggested that committees need to be formed, to get volunteers for different parts of the list. Every item needs to come before the MABA Board. This was given to MABA to be approved. Also there is a need to vote on the payment process. The committee people need to be trusted. The committees need to get approval ahead of time. Each committee should have a MABA member on it.

Zack Jones showed slides of his ideas for the Mural to be painted on the North Side of Mulholland Building. The designs were discussed. Also discussed was the placement of the Mural.

Discussions about **the Iowa Great Places** grant resulted in several committees being formed to plan and oversee the various parts of the streetscape project. The following are the committees:

**Pocket Park:** Tiffany Yakes- Starr, Bonnie Pierce, Deb Breeding, Zack Jones

**Tree Sculptures:** Deb Breeding, Cheryl Jones, Tiffany Yakes-Starr, Woody Jones

**Way Finding Signs:** Deb Breeding, Bonnie Pierce

**Screens for Heritage Park:** Mary Poort, Deb Breeding, Cheryl Jones

**Concrete/Sidewalk Replacement:** Greg Pierce, Roger Johnson, Jay Burdic, Mike Blackburn

**Cantilevered Shades:** Deb Breeding, Zack Jones

**Mural:** Zack Jones

**Light Pole Refurbishing/Replacement:** Mike Blackburn, Bev Dashner, Greg Pierce

Deb Breeding reported that although the Iowa Arts Council will allow some adjustments in the kinds of elements installed for the project, the framework of the project must remain the same as the original grant called for.

Mary Poort and Patty Beres will remain as co-chairpersons for the **Festival of Trees**. There was a discussion about sponsoring a Tour of Homes again this year. Bruce Breeding made a motion to sponsor the tour if MABA is able to get 5 homeowners to agree to host the tour. Tiffany seconded and all approved.

The Junior class would like to sponsor a Winter Formal dance on Sunday following the Festival of Trees beginning at 6 or 6:30 PM. The trees would remain in the Community Building as part of the decorations for the dance. Bonnie P. motioned, Patty B. seconded, all approved.

Tiffany reported on the Pool Party sponsored by MABA in August. Approximately 100-125 people (families) attended. MABA furnished cake and ice cream. It was very successful and the committee hopes to offer this every year. During the event Tiffany did a survey of those attending regarding MABA events. She would also like to make an online survey on Survey Monkey to get more participants involved. Bev D. made a motion to have Tiffany proceed with the survey. Cheryl seconded the motion. Approved.

In **miscellaneous** items: Bev reported on the progress of lack of progress on the website. There have been some problems with the person developing the new site. He had been non-responsive and is the only one who would actually be making changes to the site. Therefore, since no money has changed hands it has been decided to have Ian Baer who works with Kate McGann (webmaster) at the bank take over the job of revamping the site to make it more usable with calendars and Facebook feeds. Flywheel will remain as the domain holding company.

Bev D. reported that she had submitted the grant application to the Costello Foundation for \$66,000 to be used to renovate the entire kitchen and refurbish the floors on the lower level of the Liberty Memorial Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.