On February 2, 2017, MABA held its monthly meeting at the Malvern Library beginning at 6:30pm. Almost 30 people were in attendance.

Both the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report was approved.

Bill and Kathy Good, owners of Tobey Jack's Mineola Steakhouse, was in attendance. They discussed a bike ride that will be held either August 12-13 or 19-20. It that will be ran similarly to the Peddler's Jamboree that came through the area last year. The ride will start in Mineola with stops and music in Silver City, Malvern, Imogene and overnight in Shenandoah and back the following day. Malvern would need to provide musical entertainment for riders. Other bike rides that are scheduled this year is the Wabash Warmup on June 3 and a Boy Scout push cart event June 20.

Lisa Irvin, a local CPA, presented a proposal to take care of MABA's tax needs. Lisa suggested that we use Quick Books. Bruce Breeding motioned that the group purchase Quick Books and it was seconded by Becky Bell. Motion was passed. Bruce Breeding also motioned to have Lisa look at MABA's books and Tara Copeland seconded. Motion passed.

Kate McGann discussed MABA's website. Ian Baer had been working on the website during working hours at the bank and is no longer able to do so. He has offered to maintain the website for \$200.00 per year. They city has agreed to pay half so MABA would be responsible for the other half. A motion to pay the \$100.00 a year to lan was made by Bruce Breeding, seconded by Bev Dashner. Motion passed.

MaryBeth Trumbly presented on behalf of the membership committee. They have designed a brochure and a mailer and presented three options for the membership campaign. Becky Bell motioned that the group choose the campaign that included a mailer to Malvern and Silver Creek township as well as on line and spend up to \$600.00 on this campaign. The motion was seconded by Lura Shehan. Motion passed.

Deb Breeding volunteered to head up Gateway of Chaos and to work with Claire and Ashley on the event. A budget will be given and no money will be used out of the MABA general account to help pay for the event.

Gary Jones presented on behalf of the fireworks committee. The Dashner's volunteered to allow their land to be used to shoot off the fireworks since the fairgrounds is no longer an option. Approximate cost for fireworks will be \$7,000-\$10,000. Kate McGann said that Malvern Bank would sponsor the cost of the fireworks. McGann motioned that July 1 be the date for the fireworks, seconded by Jill. Motion passed. The golf course will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary July 1 so there may be an opportunity to coordinate events with the golf course for the day. Bonnie Pierce planned to go to the next board meeting for the golf course and will report back in March.

Cheryl Jones spoke about the Valentine's Day dinner. All volunteer needs have been filled and as of the meeting 80 reservations had been made. The maximum number is 100. There will be two special honorees at the dinner this year.

Deb Breeding spoke in regards to the Iowa Great Places grant. She reported that some light poles have been taken down and will be painted black. LED lights will be tested for the globes. JEO reps will be helping with the grant. A grant is being written for the Iowa West Foundation to cover the cost of the mural.

Jill Smith spoke on behalf of the Park board and asked for help w Boehner Park, golf course and playground equipment March 1-5.

Bev Dashner update the group on the new flooring in the Community Building. Kate McGann told group about the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce dinner on March 2. Five Malvern businesses were nominated.

Agenda item for the March meeting will include a discussion about spending excess MABA dollars. The next meeting will be March 2 at 6:30 at the Malvern Library.

Tiffany Yakes-Starr motioned to adjourn, Brian Copeland seconded.