

July 10, 2016 - MABA Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of MABA was called to order by President Breeding at 4:00 PM on July 10, 2016. Members present were Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort, Lura & Scott Shehan (arrived @ 4:20 PM), Cheryl Jones, Greg & Bonnie Pierce, Ed Mulholland, Bev Dashner.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved after a motion by Tiffany and Seconded by Bruce B.

Deb read the treasurer's report:

Reg. acct. = \$18,062.58

GOC acct. = \$14,918.55

Fundraising acct. = \$3,983.68

PayPal = 526.97

Malvern Bucks = \$440.00

Treasurer's report will need to be amended and was not approved as read. Cheryl motioned to table the report until clarified, Tiffany seconded.

Bev gave a Summerfest report. For several reasons there was a lack of participation this year. Many agreed that the timing and other activities in the area took a toll on attendance. Loss was approximately \$1,200 this year. MABA will need to re-evaluate whether to sponsor a similar event in the future due to all the difficulties with dates, the fact that sponsorship will no longer be as great, and the fireworks and possibly pushball may no longer be able to be held there due to the new community center being built this year.

Ed Mulholland discussed MABA's tax reporting for next year. Due to the Iowa Great Places grant income we will need to fill out a long form. It will be necessary to have a tax accountant take care of it next year.

Bruce B. discussed whether MABA has enough volunteers to help with a vendor booth with pastries & apples during RAGBRAI on July 24. He made a motion to make a decision about participation pending the response of helpers. If there are 8 people to volunteer we can manage it, otherwise it will be cancelled. Lura seconded, all approved.

Deb B. reported on the fact that MABA has been granted the full amount requested from the Iowa Great Places Grant (\$292,900). All agreed it was a great honor to receive this award. SWIPCO wrote both the letter of intent and the grant on MABA's behalf. The various projects within the grant must be completed within 3 years. The completed projects must then be maintained by the City of Malvern. Because we have been selected to receive this award, Deb has been invited to do a three-minute presentation at the Iowa Arts Summit on August 5 in Des Moines. She will invite local artists to attend as well.

Deb reported about the Wabash Marathon that will be held on September 10. This year's theme is red, white, and blue to honor veterans. Deb has offered to provide drawstring bags for the runners sponsored by MABA. Last year our organization earned over \$2,000 from the marathon. Bev motioned that we spend up to \$1,000 for the bags with MABA sponsorship printed on them. Tiffany seconded, all approved. Tiffany also recommended additional places to advertise the race.

The Pedalers' Jamboree will be held on August 27 & 28. It starts in Mineola, goes thru Silver City, Malvern, Imogene and on to Shenandoah. Hours for the Malvern stop are 10:30 AM to 2 PM Saturday and 9:30 AM to Noon on Sunday. MABA and others can be vendors for this event.

In miscellaneous news: The Malvern highway billboard will be installed this coming week. The building next to it will also be painted.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Costello Foundation grant. MABA will continue to work with the Community Building Board to further the next phase of the Liberty Memorial Building renovation project. The new (100) cushioned chairs that were purchased with the last grant have been shipped for the Community Building.

Greg Pierce made a suggestion that MABA sponsor a free day at the pool for area residents. Several suggestions followed. It was agreed that we hold this event on a Sunday night and use it additionally as a membership drive.

Deb gave an update on GOC plans for this fall. There will be two haunts in the building, a bigger queue line; parking will be on the west side of the building this time. There will be a 3-D haunt with a Midway in between. Rich Christensen, the new co-director with Claire has worked for 5 years for the Haunted Manor. They would like to extend the nights of being open. Construction will begin on August 1st along with volunteer recruitment.

President Breeding adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Dashner, director