

Official MABA Minutes –October 2, 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 November 2 ,2016. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Bruce Breeding, Bev Dashner, Gary Jones, Tiffany Yakes-Starr, Allen Hall, Lura Shenan, Marge Baska, and Cheryl Jones.

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

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$11,848.69. Gateway of Chaos \$13,723.67, Grant \$5,000, Pay Pal \$863.09. Malvern Bucks \$415.00. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried.

The **Gateway of Chaos** dress rehearsal was the night before this meeting. They had 26 youth actors, with 18 new youth this year. A donation of \$500 was received, Chris Yager works for Google donated \$250. Google will match an employee donation. AMC donated movie tickets for the staff to hand out to the actors. Parking last year was on the East side of the building. This year people will park on the West side with the field lights being used. The haunt has an overall theme this year, the first part is an asylum then thru a dark maze into the clown area.

The next item of business was the **Iowa Great Places Grant**. Pictures were shown of possible tree sculptures. Cheryl Jones reported what were the top six sculptures, 5 on Main Street and 1 in the Pocket Park. The sculpture in the pocket park will have bike wheels that will turn in the wind. One sculpture will make a canopy for vines to grow up. Woody Jones would like to have three of the trees done by next spring.

The new signage was discussed with pictures shown of design options. A suggestion was made for the community to vote on which design they like best. A box to cast votes could be put in the bank. There was a concern about the black color, what would they be like at night. The lettering options were discussed. There was a motion to give the public a chance to vote on which design in October by Bev Dashner. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Yakes-Staff. Motion carried. Then the vote results or feedback will be presented to the City. The progress of the cement part of the project was discussed. Bev Dashner reported on the lighting part of the project. There is not enough money this time to do solar. They are still waiting for bids to do the lighting. One person would hand sand & paint the poles. Another bid would sand blast where the poles are and the third bid would take the poles down and taken to a shop for painting.

Zack and Deb are getting prices for putting a 25 or 30 foot long canopy in the Heritage Park. The purpose of this would be to project shade in the park not just under it. It wouldn't be installed until early June so it could be determined where to place the canopy to produce the

most shade on how the sun angles as it goes down. The shade would be up for three months during the summer. Color of the canopy and the poles as well as storage was discussed. Possibly blue for the canopy so it would blend in with the sky. The option of one or two shades was discussed. Alternative ideas were also discussed.

A mason has inspected the North wall of Mulholland's to see what and if it needed repaired.

The **Festival of Trees/Holiday Home Tour** was discussed. There was no report as Mary Poort was out of town. There are presently three possibilities for homes for the Holiday Home tour. Options of names of people to contact to see if they would be willing to do this were discussed. Mary Poort would like to have a Holiday Home Tour committee. Cheryl Jones will head this committee.

Tiffany presented copies of the results from the **survey** "What types of activities/events would you like to see?" The response to the following events is listed as the percentages voted for each item: Festival of Trees, Friday Night market, Gateway of Chaos, Lantern Launch, Summerfest fireworks, Summerfest Parade, Summerfest Activities, Valentine's Day Dinner and the Wabash Marathon. Other responses were RAGBAI, Pool Night BBQ party. Other items discussed were a Sunday bike activity, possibly there could be a Bike & Brunch activity on Sundays.

The **2017 MABA Board/Nominating Committee** is Chairman Tiffany Yakes-Starr, Bev Dashner and Cheryl Jones.

Membership renewals for 2016 didn't get out until January. The group talked about sending 2017 out in November or waiting until spring. It was decided to wait until the new Board is elected next meeting to make this decision. The idea of a perk or member benefits might be a nice perk to join MABA.

Under **miscellaneous** it was discussed should MABA continue to sell the memorial medallion ornaments to be placed on the Tree in the park. There were three levels for donations of Bronze, Silver or Gold. Also discussed was the option of putting more lights or displays in the Park. Bruce Breeding moved to again offer Memorial Medallions. Allen Hall seconded. Motion carried. Deb will work on finding options for putting more lighting in the Park.

The **Lantern Launch** is November 26th weather permitting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.