

The September meeting of MABA was held at the Malvern Public Library on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30pm. Nineteen people were in attendance.

Lura Shehan presented the Treasurer's report. Mary Beth Tremblay motioned that the report be accepted with a second by Tara Copeland. The Secretary's report was also presented and Tara Copeland motioned that we accept the report with a second by Becky Bell. Both motions passed.

Rick Allely, Mills County Economic Director was in attendance to update the group on exciting things happening in our community. There is a renewed focus on commercial and industrial development, specifically at the intersection of Highway 34 and Route 29. This area is now called Eagle Crossing Business Park and had 5,600 acres that will be developed in the upcoming years. Plots will range from five acres to 1000 acres. There will also be a discussion with the County Board of Supervisors about updating water lines throughout the county. Rick also told the group that [www.millcoia.com](http://www.millcoia.com) will be used to communicate news and events throughout the county as well as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Tara Copeland updated the group on the Wabash Marathon which will be held on Saturday, September 9. All volunteers have been confirmed and runners should be through town by 8:30am or so.

Gateway of Chaos update: Approximately 90% of the walls are up and they are in the decorating stage. The Haunt will be open every Friday and Saturday night in October with admission being \$10 per person. If you bring a canned good or a household item you can get \$2.00 off. On Friday's only you can go into the haunt for \$6.00 with no actors.

MABA will sponsor a Veterans Day luncheon at the Community Building on Friday, November 10 that will start after the Veteran's Day ceremony at the high school. A free will donation will be taken at the door with the proceeds going to the East Mills Booster Club. Volunteers are needed to donate desserts.

Bev Dashner shared with the group that the grant application had been turned in to the Mills County Foundation.

On Saturday, October 7 a Ribbon Cutting will be held at Healing Hands at 10:00am. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Bonnie Pierce shared with the group that we were told no to putting a storage unit on city property. Bonnie suggested that MABA approach the Community Building Board about building a storage area inside for MABA to use. More discussion on this at upcoming meetings.

MABA received a request to be an East Mills High School Booster. Jill Smith motioned that the group be a sponsor at the \$150.00 level with a second by Claire Thalken. Motion passed.

The next MABA meeting will be Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 at the Malvern Library.