The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment group was held at 6:30pm, March 1, 2018 at the Carnegie Center. Eighteen members were in attendance with seven board members present.

The treasurer’s report was given by Lura with balance as follows:

Regular account 13,940.17, GOC 8779.84 Malvern Bucks 1745.00

Greg moved to approve, Gary seconded

The secretary’s report was amended with a spelling change to Carnegie.

Lura moved to approve, Jill seconded. Both motions carried.

The current streetscape project was discussed and various plans for summer work to be completed. A committee will meet to move forward with nicer weather. John wanted to know who purchased bike racks in town, he needs one in front of his building. Natalie has two at Club 321, Greg will get one moved across the street.

Cheryl brought up a visioning plan for MABA for the next 5-10 years. Many items were discussed as far as possible projects. Some of which are; decorative street signs and stop signs throughout the entire Main Street corridor, decorative street lights in same area, skate park, shower house and bathroom at Boehner Park, round Boehner park, a walking trail connecting the new development to town, sidewalk from the laundromat to the high school, renovation of Chantry school. Bonnie urged all members to bring these ideas and more to the Visioning meeting to be held March 15 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building. This meeting will involve city officials, school officials, any 501C3s in town and business owners to specifically work on prioritizing grant applications and town needs for the next 5-10 years. Rich Maaske and Bonnie Pierce will be facilitating. This will include all county endowment grants but specifically the Costello grant.

Natalie spoke of the continued work of the 5210 project to combat childhood obesity. Their group has $15,000 to work with, aimed primarily at an information campaign targeting schools, doctors and child care providers. They will also install water bottle filling stations at the schools and the community building. They are working to get the gym open to all residents and a volleyball court set up for youth sports.

The Fire and Rescue Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 24th at the community building. Members are urged to meet at 9:00 that day to set up tables and decorate.

The Independence Day Celebration was discussed specifically in regards to continued funding for fireworks. A committee of Gary Jones, Kent Hertz and Natalie Lancial was set up to brainstorm and bring ideas back to the group.

Bruce Breeding has asked to step down from the board due to other obligations on Thursday nights. Bryan moved to accept Stephanie Butler to the board, Jill seconded, motion approved.

Jill moved to adjourn at 8:00.