

Official MABA Minutes –March 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Malvern Public Library and called to order at 4:05 p.m. on March 6, 2016. Members in attendance were: President Deb Breeding, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Lura Shehan, Bruce Breeding, Bev Dashner, Lynn Christiansen, Cheryl Jones, Mary Poort, Ruby Simms and Tiffany Yakes-Starr.

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

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$14,608.58. Gateway of Chaos \$14,918.55. Grant Acct \$3,830.31, there will be \$399.27 in this account after the bills are paid. Pay Pal \$758.22. Malvern Bucks \$665.00. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion and second. Motion carried. Some expenses for the basement renovation were paid out of the regular account and will be reimbursed.

The **Membership** report was given by Tiffany, we have had 29 renewals totaling \$1560.

Cheryl Jones reported on the **Valentine's Day Dinner**. Cheryl passed out a very informative recap. Members discussed changes for next year regarding the arrival time, entertainment and advertising. Posters and Facebook is probably all the advertisement we need. Classic Café provided table cloths this year and the Pierce's provided table and room decorations. One prize from MABA was an overnight stay at Zack's Art Church and a \$50 gift certificate to Classic Café. Ideas discussed for next year were a fortune teller or palm reader. Everyone was asked to keep an eye out for entertainment ideas for next year.

Community Building Renovation was reported on by Bev Dashner. All the dropped ceiling has been removed. The duct work has also been taken down. Steve Barrett will reconfigure the duct work using what we have along with some new round vents to be ordered. The new configuration will mean we won't have to order as much replacement tin cornice. The new round vents will hide the sections that are missing. The entire North wall was removed. Spray insulation will be used and the dry wall redone. Marty Green offered to paint for us. The Liberty Memorial Board will pay for the paint. Bev has met with Sherman Williams. The cleaning of the tin ceiling was discussed. The cleaning needs to be done correctly so the paint will stick. Deb has contacted two companies about cleaning but has not heard back yet. The lights and fans are bought. Electric work is done as far as can be until the painting is done. Woody Jones is doing the railings. The possibility of lead being used in the previous paint on the ceiling was discussed. Using a kit to test ourselves was discussed. There was a motion made to hire a professional to test and determine if lead paint is present. Motion seconded and carried. The testing needs to be done by a certified professional to protect everyone involved.

The **Mills County Foundation Grant** Sign Design was discussed. Deb presented two different sign designs with a brick color background tying into the downtown color scheme. It was suggested that the sign company be asked if the background color will bleach out. The cost of the two signs presented would be \$15,000. The goal is to have signs up by RAGGBRI. We have not been informed how much money we will be granted. The results of the Grant will be announced at the end of March. Priority determined was a sign on 5th and Main and at the Depot.

A **Summerfest** report was given by Bev Dashner. Bev passed out a report listing details and time schedule of this event and what equipment would be needed. There were several things to be discussed, if we wanted to have the Two County Dusters come again at a cost of \$375, having an Elvis impersonator for a 30-minute program at a cost of \$150 and Rick Hillyard's Full Circle Band for the cost of \$650. We are looking to have two activities going on at the same time giving those that are not into Push Ball an option. Yuma Dance will bring dancers to perform. The idea of having sparklers for everyone to light between 9:30-10:00 was discussed. Several containers could be put around to put used sparklers in. The 2017 Junior Class is doing the dinner and concessions. Wine or Beer tasting is being pursued. We are open to having other small concessions that if other groups want to participate, they would contact Bev. We talked about if MABA would be selling from their Concession trailer. Man power was touched on and how many and where we will need volunteers. There would also be a need for a person to supervise the inflatables, one person to supervise the upper entertainment and one person to supervise the lower entertainment. The admission charge of \$10 per person and child over 5 was debated, listing pros and cons. The idea is to have kids pay an extra \$5 at the gate giving them unlimited access to all games and rides, eliminating the need to sell and collect tickets since manpower is limited. The members liked the idea of having mobile gaming back for the event. The Malvern Bank and Kohl's Drug have made commitments to be our major sponsors for the fireworks. Deb suggested MABA donate \$1,000 toward the fireworks. There was a motion to have MABA contribute \$1,000 for fireworks. Motion seconded and carried. A bigger obstacle course was discussed. Also discussed was a three on three basketball tournament.

RAGBRAI will be coming thru Malvern this year. The option of selling homemade breakfast bars, fresh fruit and yogurt was discussed. The coming of this event will be discussed more at upcoming meetings. The Malvern RAGBRAI committee: Gary Jones, Lindsey Sayers and Kate McMann. It would be good if our group could do something.

Bev has run ads for a Director of Gateway of Chaos. There have been no responses. The ads will run again on Facebook, Craig's List and Swap Shops.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.