

Malvern Area Betterment Association
December 11, 2016

The Malvern Area Betterment Association December meeting was called to order by president Deb Breeding at 4:00 pm. Members present were Deb Breeding, Bruce Breeding, Tiffany Yakes-Starr, Mike Blackburn, Bev Dashner, Lura Shehan, Greg Pierce, Bonnie Pierce, Greg Jones, Cheryl Jones, Allen Hall, Mary Beth Tremblay, Ross Tremblay, Allen Hall and Mary Poort.

The minutes of the November meeting were not approved.

The treasure's report was as follows: Regular account \$9970.19, GOC 17609.98, Pay pal \$1196.84 and Malvern Bucks \$720.00.

Deb gave a report on Iowa Great Places Grant. Woody Jones has begun work on the tree sculptures and has requested a change in one of the trees due to lack of parts for that particular design. A motion was made to approve Mielke Sandblasting to sandblast, prime and paint the main street light poles. The lighting fixtures will be purchased from Valmont Lighting. The city workers will be responsible for dismantling and reinstalling the poles. Mielke will supply the trailer. Cheryl Jones made the motion, Tiffany seconded, motion unanimously approved. A motion was made to have Bev Dashner pursue an Iowa West grant to match the Great Places grant to cover additional work and costs not covered. Mike moved, Bruce seconded, motion unanimously approved. Concrete will be installed as proposed by the concrete committee. Bruce made the motion, Tiffany seconded, motion unanimously approved. One of the way finding signs is being installed and hopefully completed this week.

We had a great turnout for the Festival of Trees with 145 children making a visit to Santa and lots of people attending the market as well as many of the businesses in town. Proceeds include \$745 from the tour of homes, \$328 from lunch, \$600 from vendors, and \$67 in donations. Lura will write a check to the Friends of the Community Building for \$264 profit from lunch and donations. Expenses include \$250 for printing, \$350 in prize money and gift certificates to tour home owners and \$130 to KMA for advertising. Still out is the newspaper ad bill. We talked about buying a new tree for the entry, Deb will look into size and price.

Tiffany gave a report on the survey about meeting night preference. There was a tie between Wednesday night and Thursday nights. After discussion a vote was taken and Thursday night at 6:30 was the winner. Mike made the motion to accept, Lura seconded and motion was approved with one nay.

Tiffany presented a slate of officers for the coming year as follows:

President, Bonnie Pierce

Vice president, Cheryl Jones

Treasurer, Lura Shehan

Secretary, Tiffany Yakes-Starr

Board members: Bruce Breeding, Mary Poort and Gary Jones

Mike mover to approve the slate, Allen seconded, motion unanimously approved.

The community building Costello grant was discussed. Work has started with deconstruction. The plumber and electrician are on board to begin work as soon as possible. Bev proposed that MABA conduct a challenge matching donation, not to exceed \$5000 to raise additional funds to complete work on the kitchen and floor. The funds to be channeled through our pay pal account and/or red basket account on social media. Bev made the motion, Tiffany seconded, motion unanimously approved.

The next grant for Mills County Foundation is due in February. The Malvern Community Building board has prioritized new energy efficient lighting and insulation for the gym. Bev will write the grant for approximately \$21,000. Mike made the motion to proceed, Bruce seconded, motion unanimously approved.

There was open miscellaneous discussion prior to adjournment. The Valentine Dinner will be held on February 12th with magician entertainment. We will be looking for volunteers to work and door prizes. Meeting adjourned 5:30.