

Official MABA Minutes – December 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Annex. It was called to order at 4:00 pm on December 15, 2013. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Acting Secretary Deb Breeding, Treasurer Patty Beres, Tom Mulholland, Liz Baldwin, Ruby Simms, Mike Blackburn, Greg and Bonnie Pierce, Gary Jones, Greg and Cheryl Jones.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Deb Breeding, and seconded by Patty Beres.

Treasurer's Report

Regular Checking \$16,590.12, New Recreation project \$27,728.04, Gateway of Chaos \$19,844.20 and Malvern Bucks \$995.00. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Cheryl Jones and seconded by Ruby Simms. Motion carried.

En Plein Air, BBQ and 2014 Plans

Bev talked about a date change by moving the event up a week to Sept. 20th and 21st. Gary spoke to Steve about the contest and they are looking at the possibility of relocating the contest to Boehner Pond. Mike Blackburn asked why change the location raising a concern that people might not find it at the pond. The following reasons were sighted: set up is an issue in town, having beer available, there is more water and electricity at the pond as well as making it an overnight event. There was more discussion about the move. The BBQ committee is also looking into getting bigger sponsorships for next year's contest. A motion to approve the date change was made by Deb Breeding and seconded by Patty Beres.

Gateway of Chaos

Bev updated us that everything has been moved from Hillcrest with the exception of the items in the cue area. We tried to recruit the football team to move the last of the items but no response to our request. The remaining items need to be moved by Jan. 1st and Bev asked for suggestions as to who and how to get that done. Deb Breeding suggested hiring Clyde and Leonard to move the items. We also need to check with the County engineer to see what construction items they will allow us to use since the dry wall we have used in the past does not move well to and from storage. A motion was made by Cheryl Jones to hire Clyde and Leonard to move the remaining items at a cost of \$100 and seconded by Ruby Simms. Motion carried.

401-403 Building

A planning meeting will be held on Dec. 16th at 10 AM, at City Hall. Bev discussed the need for a written agreement with the bank and MABA regarding the financial expenditures of 401-403 and Prospect St property. A written agreement that was drafted by Kate Phelps was circulated in the group to read. A motion was made by Tom Mulholland to accept the agreement, with the noted change to read "2013/14 CDGB" and Greg Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Rec Project

Mike Blackburn spoke about the project, explaining the citizens are not happy and won't back a \$2.5 million dollar project with the street and water problems the town is facing. He feels there is no need for a new pool. He would like to see the court placed on the Prospect St property and either place the playground there as well or at the old ball court location. He would also like the project to go to MABA to take over, with the Park Board approval. Tom Mulholland suggested a letter in the newspaper explaining what happened and where the project is going.

Welcome Center Report

MABA's Welcome Center has moved to the Community Bldg. and we have had more visitors since the move. We are looking to promote the building as there seems to be more interest. A sample of an outdoor sign was presented by Bev. There was discussion about what types of material should be used with metal being favored over wood. It was also brought up that there is a time limit on the Program that supplies us our office person.

Lantern Launch

The sky lantern launch earned \$741.00

Festival of Trees

Turnout was very good. We had 30 trees, 198 people voted, 17 vendors and 90 kids visited Santa. Food sales from Friday night \$47, Sat. night dinner and bingo \$470 and the High School dance \$350. \$978.00 was earned. The advertising bills are still outstanding. Patty discussed asking the organizations that participated and made money for a donation at least to cover the advertising costs.

Grants, MCCF

In February there will be a large amount of money available, Bev asked if we wanted to apply and what to apply for. The group felt that asking for funds to have a sign made for the Liberty Memorial Building that would list all the occupants. A motion was made by Tom Mulholland to look into signage for the Community Building and Greg Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Bev asked for a 2 person committee to head up the Main Street Node Project and the spending of the \$4,000 Costello grant we received. Bonnie Pierce and Deb Breeding volunteered.

Valentine's Day Dinner

Cheryl checked with Classic Café about the possibility of having the dinner in 2014, as Darrin is no longer there. They agreed to let us host the event by having it on a Sunday evening Feb. 9th. The group also discussed entertainment options.

Policy and Procedures Manual

Copies of the manual were forwarded to the Board Members and asked to review. Fred was not in attendance so discussion will be moved to the next meeting.

Membership Mailer

Kate is working on a membership mailer. New membership forms were available at the meeting. Ruby has

Misc.

Tuesday Dec 17th is the 2050 Planning workshop, members were encouraged to attend this very important workshop as we should have a say in the community's future. Bev mentioned that there was a very poor attendance in Glenwood and would not like to see the same thing happen at the Malvern workshop.

A thank you card was read from a 4H member.

Tom Mulholland told us about a School Board retreat on Dec 17th at 5:30 at Nishna Valley to discuss the budget problems and the possible closing of Chantry and encouraged attendance.

Deb Breeding offered to host a post-holiday MABA Cocktail Party on Jan.6th from 5:30 to 7:30. MABA would supply the drinks and members would bring an appetizer. A motion was made by Bonnie Pierce to have the party and was seconded by Cheryl Jones. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm

