

Official MABA Minutes – March 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Malvern Public Library. It was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Deb Breeding. Members in attendance were: President Breeding, Vice President MinDee Sommerla, Treasurer Lura Shehan, Mary Poort, Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Ruby Simms, Jacque & Ed Mulholland, Allen Hall, Malena Elliott, and Bev Dashner who recorded minutes in Diane Clay's absence.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$9,572.19, New recreation project \$30,462.30, Gateway to Chaos \$15,571.58. Malvern Bucks \$750. Pay Pal account \$1,105.02. A membership from the Loess Hills Funeral home and two others have been received. There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Malena Elliott discussed the Library's plans to host a community **Easter Egg Hunt**. She requested financial and volunteer assistance from MABA to help with the event. Start time will be 1 PM, April 4. A motion was approved to donate \$100 for candy and prizes as well as provide volunteers to help. Deb will call Sam's Club to see about candy donations.

Deb B. reported about progress on the **401 and 403 buildings**. The downtown façade project is on schedule to be completed as planned by April 1 with the exception of the 401 building. That building will be completed by mid-May. Sub-contractors are to begin work on the building on March 7.

Valentine's Dinner results were discussed. Nearly \$1,800.00 was netted from the very successful event.

The renamed Independence Day Celebration in conjunction with the Mills County Fair will now be called "Sizzlin' Summerfest". Bev reported on the lineup of MABA activities. Joint committees are working on marketing and getting schedules set.

Ruby Simms reported on the **Welcome Center**. There are still some draft issues with the new windows even after the window casings are in place. Fred M. will check with the contractor about the matter. Ruby is working on plans for the Summerfest Parade ideas. No word has been received yet about a new Welcome Center attendant applicant.

Deb B. announced that Spencer Terry has made arrangements with a new company, **Rugs Nation**, a company that will be the 5th largest online supplier of area rugs. This company wants to sponsor a non-profit and they have agreed give MABA that opportunity, donating 1% of their net profits to our organization. We are grateful to Spencer who works so hard for MABA even in Boston, MA.

There was a discussion about the **Fire & Rescue Banquet** on March 21. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$250 to each group and provide two floral arrangements at \$100 maximum. MABA volunteers will decorate for the event as usual.

A golf tournament as a fundraiser was discussed, but tabled until another year.

Allen Hall announced that he would like to donate \$300 this year for the En Plein Air **People's Choice Award** in honor of his wife, Joyce Hall.

Next MABA meeting will be held on April 12 due to the Easter holiday

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM