

The October meeting of MABA was held on Thursday, October 5 at the Malvern Library. Nineteen community members were present. Both the treasurer's and secretary's reports were discussed. Mary Beth Trembley motioned that the Treasurer's report be approved with a second by Tara Copeland. Becky Bell motioned for the Treasurer's report to be approved with fixing the Mills County website and a second was given by Jill Smith. Both motions approved. Tara Copeland and Tiffany Yakes-Starr discussed final numbers with the Wabash Marathon and plans for next year. Profit from the event hasn't be made official but MABA should be receiving a check sometime in December for around \$2,000.

Deb Breeding discussed Gateway of Chaos. Claire the Haunt director was put on a leave of absence by the MABA board and the GOC Leadership team decided to go forward with the event and do the best that they could. At the time of the meeting there were approximately 25 youth volunteers. GOC will be open Friday and Saturdays through October. They will be distributing flyers promoting area businesses. Classic Café will provide meals for volunteers on Saturday's and Casey's Pizza offered BOGO pizzas for Friday.

Cheryl Jones reminded the group that there will be a chili and potato soup luncheon at the Memorial Building beginning around 11:30 after the Veterans Day program at the High School. Dale Scott, Principal at East Mills High School. He shared with the group his vision for the High School and the youth of the area. They will be focusing on rigorous curriculum, student accountability, citizenship, increasing ACT scores and graduating students with skills to go into the work force. Mr. Scott also wants open communication with the community.

Bonnie Pierce discussed the idea for the Newcomer Packets which will include a history of the area and emergency and community information in a three-ring binder. This welcome books and bags will cost around \$5.00 each and Rebecca at the Library will put them together. Mike Blackburn motioned that we start with 50 packets, second by Greg Pierce. Motion passed. The group was updated on the new housing development. The subdivision drawing has been approved for 40 houses. It is possible that it will start next spring.

Greg Pierce shared with the group that he had spoken with the community building board and they agreed to allow MABA to have storage space there. An estimate for the work would be approximately \$3100.00 through Gary Wunschel. Jill Smith motioned to go ahead with the project and second was from Tara Copeland. Motion passed.

Upcoming events.

Ribbon Cutting at Healing Hands on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 and Downtown Brown at 10:30.

Open house and Music at the Depot on Saturday, October 7 from 5:00-8:00.

November 2 Mills County Tourism will have a coffee at Fine Arts on Main.

November 3-4. University of Iowa will have a traveling museum in Malvern and will need volunteers to man the trailer.

Annual Lantern Launch will be held on Saturday, November 25 at Heritage Park.

The November meeting of MABA will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 at the Malvern Library.