

The November meeting of MABA was called to order on Thursday, November 2 at the Malvern Library. Thirteen community members were present.

Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report were read and discussed. Becky Bell motioned to accept both and Tara Copeland seconded the motion which then passed.

Deb Breeding updated the group about Gateway of Chaos. This year attendance was lower than previous years and there were also less youth volunteers. Deb expressed thanks to Mary Beth and Ross Trembly, Patty Beres and Brandon along with former director Kari Fry-Cole who helped the event. Approximately 600 food items were donated to the local food pantry. Once all expenses have been turned in final event numbers will be shared with the group.

Bonnie Pierce let everyone know that the traveling Iowa Exhibit that was expected to be in town the first weekend of November had been canceled.

The Veterans Day Luncheon date has been moved due to the East Mills Volleyball team making the state finals. The Luncheon will be held on Monday, November 13 starting around 11:30 at the Community Building. A free will donation will be collected. Lura Shehan moved that 50% of the proceeds would be donated to the East Mills Booster Club, second by Jill Smith. Motion carried.

The group discussed making a donation to support the expenses of the High School Volleyball team attending state tournament. Tara Copeland motioned that the group donate \$300 with a second by Deb Breeding. Motion carried.

Kent Hertz updated the group on the new welcome bags that will be put together in the near future. Bags and notebooks have been ordered.

The Annual Lantern Launch and Tree lighting will be held on Saturday, November 25 at 6:30pm. Deb Breeding mentioned that we might need additional lights. Jim Starr agreed to price out custom lights to compare to the ones that were purchased previously at Sam's Club. Jill Smith motioned that we purchase lights with a second by Greg Pierce. Motion carried.

The 25th Annual Festival of Trees will be held on Saturday, December 2. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate on December 1. MABA will offer a lunch beginning at 11:30am.

There will be a ribbon cutting at Media on Main on November 9. Bonnie Pierce will let everyone know what time.

Tara Copeland shared with group the old requirements for the scholarship that MABA offered in the past. Tara will write up a proposal on changes to those requirements and present to the group at the next meeting.

Bonnie Pierce shared that she had priced portable restroom facilities and they run around \$110,000. Jim Starr told the group that his work site had those portable facilities and that he would look into pricing of those for the next meeting.

Jill Smith motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Starr second. Meeting adjourned. The next MABA meeting will be Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm.