

MABA MINUTES – January 7, 2021. 6:00 pm. via ZOOM

Meeting was called to order at 6:21 by president, Stephanie Bowden. Connectivity issues at first. Board members present: Becky, Natalie, Mary Beth, Gary J. Cheryl Jones was a guest.

Secretary report: Minutes were read to all board members and approved in a motion by Mary Beth and second by Cheryl Jones.

Treasurer report: Stephanie went over the report sent by Kenzie through email.

Old business: None

New business:

Chamber Nominations: Too soon for information – look for next month. Be thinking about nominations. Citizen, Jr. Citizen, Educator, Customer Service, Etc.

Member drive for 2021: Mary Beth lead the discussion with suggestions of posting on FB and the MABA website. We could list our projects and encourage our citizens to help with the ongoing improvements in Malvern. Mary Beth will send info to Becky for posting.

Election of 2021 Officers: Officers are as follows:

Steph Bowden, President, vacant VP, Sec. Becky Bell, Treas, Kenzie Meggison; Gary Jones, Mary Beth Trembley, Bonnie Pierce, and Natalie Lancial are Board members. Mary Beth motioned and Cheryl Jones seconded. All Members approved board for 2021.

Valentines Dinner: Natalie relayed that the Classic would like to have the MABA sponsored dinner. The number of participants would be reduced so profit was discussed and covid precautions. It would need to be a dinner only, no mingling. Cheryl will see about details of servers, and actual rollout of the dinner. Gary motioned and Becky seconded the Valentines dinner if it can be arranged for Feb. 14th (Sunday).

Discussion of a Wine basket, other goodies from local merchants, candy, roses, bakery items, were also discussed as to whether it would be profitable. No firm plans were made.

Budget for 2021: After some discussion it was decided to have Kenzie get a budget copy to the board so it can be reviewed and revised if needed for 2021.

Malvern Bucks: Bonnie looked into the Malvern Bucks need for a \$50 denomination. Printing prices were shared and discussion on needed quantities. It was felt that there was a greater need for the \$5.00 denomination and not the \$50. So members voted to print 500 each of the \$5 and \$25 Bucks. Motion by Cheryl and seconded by Mary Beth.

Grand Openings: Stephanie will contact Beyond Boutique and B Nails.

Youth scholarship: Short discussion as we have had no projects for youth to help with. We may have to rely heavily on an essay and pick a topic for the award.

Grant Projects: Discussion was regarding a Merry Christmas sign for Malvern. Very large poles would be needed, lighting, sign etc. A sign would be in the area of \$3000 and Mid America and the city would need to weigh in on the details.

Discussion: Quarterly Newsletter? Should we have a newsletter with Events, Arts, Community, History for the town. Could be printed and distributed through City Hall, Grocery and Bank? Merchants. No decision was made. Stephanie will keep us posted.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:49 pm. Motion by Becky and seconded by Natalie.

Next Meeting February 4, 2021 meeting at 6:00 pm by zoom