

MABA MINUTES – April 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. @Classic Cafe

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 by president, Stephanie Bowden.

Board members present: Becky, Natalie, Mary Beth, Kenzie, Gary J., Bonnie & Greg. Cheryl Jones was a guest.

**Special guest:** Alyssa Karwal with “Not Alone” mentoring for Mills County gave a presentation on the program. Currently there are 6 boys on the waiting list.

**Secretary report:** Minutes were read to all board members and approved in a motion by Bonnie and second by Mary Beth. All in favor.

**Treasurer report:** Kenzie gave the report.

**Old business:**

**Member drive for 2021:** 6 new received and Kenzie will repost again on FB.

**Saturday Nights:** Bonnie: wipe boards for merchants will be here by May 23. They have a great new logo on them too. Will be loaned to businesses in Malvern.

**Wabash Trace** - Pork Belly Birds and Bees Trace ride May 21 & 23 overnight in Malvern. Malvern Park Board. Will talk more at next meeting. Arrange for tractor and cables for bikes water, and get application to close off main street. Plan activities, corn hole, kickball, open up Miller field? Sell Malvern 150 yr shirts, neckscarf...

**4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration** – June 26. Will be fireworks and a band only (7:00 – 10:00 and fireworks at 10:00). Beer Garden. Icy cones? Vendor license \$35.00 needed. Cheryl will make contact for Porta Potties. Announce on FB and radio. Need MABA donation bucket at Mulholland Grocery Store and C & M’s, Malvern Bank and at Park. Bonnie will do.

**New business:**

**MABA Scholarship:** Voted to award to Jackson Wray. MABA will present at the Awards Banquet on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the East Mills School.

**Pots on Main:** Stephanie will help with this.

**Iowa Great Places and other Grants:** Mills Co Endowment Fund and other grants- discuss a plan as it happens every 3 years. Finish street lights and sidewalks needed.

**Rural Innovation Grant:** 5 voted yes *in email* on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie, Bonnie, Becky, Natalie and Kenzie. Bev Dashner will submit for April 16 deadline. It is for \$20,000 with a \$10,000 match so possibly use Costello grant.

**Memorial weekend:** Bonnie --Auxiliary will not hold. MABA usually covers the program printing for 100 copies. Becky motioned to do this in the event it is held, seconded by Kenzie. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Discussion Item:**

Merry Christmas sign for next year – Cheryl has a price of about \$4,000 – 5,000. Located north of the viaduct by Co Shop. Cheryl is working with Dave and Mid America on poles and specs. LED lights with Caps @ 3’ and lower case at 2’. Need to get a donation bucket set up and Kenzie will work on Pay Pal link for donations. Bonnie, Becky and Cheryl will try to come up with FB post etc.

Boehner Pond update: Natalie - Concrete is ready to be poured for sidewalks.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:26 pm. Motion by Mary Beth and seconded by Kenzie.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 meeting at 6:00 pm. Location tbd (basement of the Comm. Bldg.)?