

MABA MINUTES – Oct. 7, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. @Memorial Bldg. basement

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

Board members present: Stephanie, Becky, Bonnie and Mary Beth. Additional members were Cheryl Jones, Greg Pierce, Amberly and Teressa & Mary Poort.

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

Treasurer report: to be sent by Kenzie. It was requested that the Treas. Report be sent to Becky, Sec. before the meeting so she can send it to the board to review along with the minutes and agenda.

Old business:

Festival of Trees: Becky shared the plans from the meeting the night before with Emily, Lisa and Michelle noting the outdoor tree display at Heritage Park, vendors on both floors of the Memorial building, Pancake breakfast by the Fire Dept, Santa, possible cookie walk, dancers etc. Businesses will also be encouraged to decorate their storefronts. Plans are still being formulated for a “It’s a Wonderful Life!” A motion by Bonnie and second by Cheryl to approve the proposed plan. All were in favor. Volunteers needed for hot chocolate, voting tickets for the trees etc. Get the school kids involved as it counts toward our scholarship. Will need a block party permit too.

New business:

Veterans Day – Bonnie has spoken to school and Ardeth. Perhaps the Foods Class will make cookies and sandwiches for the Veterans. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to have them in a separate area in the gym due to virus concerns and their seniority status. Maba will support a lunch/cookie by helping the Foods Class with expenses. Motion by Mary Beth and second by Becky. All were in favor.

Iowa Creative Places: Joe George got an email regarding the meeting Oct 22, but found out it is virtual on Oct 12. Jon Berg will visit Malvern Friday Oct 15. We should set up in the Memorial Bldg. basement and do this. Registration is Oct 20. Need to follow up with emails.

Lantern Launch - planning and discussion. Cheryl Jones will proceed with plans to have the launch Nov. 27th, Saturday after Thanksgiving @ 6:30 pm. Will need a block party permit from the City and extra trash receptacles. Will need volunteers for selling lanterns and hot chocolate table. Get the school kids involved as it counts toward our scholarship. Possibly carolers too? Need markers, tables, Fireman presence.

Best of Southwest Iowa Readers Choice 2021 Award presentation – Bev presented the awards for this contest that was on FB. Four Malvern businesses won: Mulholland Grocery, Blooming Barn, Classis Café and C & M’s. and Malvern was chosen as the “Best place to Live.” For 2021.

What an honor. We voted to advertise in the Weekly Times, 1/8 page for \$175 in the Weekly Times for Congratulations. Motion by Bonnie and Second by Cheryl, all were in favor.

MABA congratulates Malvern as the 2021 winner for the BEST PLACE TO LIVE!!! Contact is Jennifer Johnson. These will be announced Oct 27th.

Grant news: Greg Pierce thanked MABA for the grant help over the years to improve and repair and fix up the Liberty Memorial Building. A lot of work has been completed, one being the windows that have made a big difference in maintenance cost and heating.

Christmas sign: Cheryl is working with Woody and seeing about lights as the city has some they are not using. Donation bucket needs to be at the bank and Mulholland's and an article on FB and maybe the Malvern Leader?

Street Pots: Bonnie will contact Jeannie for Christmas decorations around Main St. Payment will be out of Misc. budget. IDEA: Perhaps the businesses could adopt a flower pot near their business?

Adjournment: motion Mary Beth and 2nd by Cheryl Time: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Nov. 4, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Basement of Memorial Bldg