

MABA MINUTES – January 6, 2022 @ 6:00 pm. @Memorial Bldg. basement

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Natalie.

Board members present: Natalie, Stephanie, Kenzie, Michelle, Teresa, Caroline; Additional guests: Bonnie Pierce, Greg Pierce, Kent Hertz, Bev Dashner, Becky Bell; Absent: Gary Jones & Carol Sonnichsen

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

Treasurer report: Kenzie reviewed the year-end balance report. Discussion on the 2022 budget was held for new business.

Old business:

- **Festival of Trees:** Discussion was held on what to do with the remainder of the Christmas Sign fund. Ideas included: creating an arch in Heritage Park leading up to the metal tree or get some more permanent standing items to go around the tree – presents, ornaments, etc. Possibly doing trees both in Heritage Park and inside the community building for those who don't want to leave their belongings outside.
- **Youth Scholarship:** Getting the word out there about the scholarship to our youth. Some students may not know that by helping at MABA events, they earn points toward the scholarship.

New business:

- **Budget:** A committee was formed of Natalie, Kenzie and Teresa to look over the 2022 budget and to possibly rebuild it. With adding new events, the current budget format is outdated. A motion was made by Bonnie to create the committee, 2nd by Becky – motion carried.
- **Letter to Bank:** Natalie Lancial, Kenzie Meggison and Cheryl Jones will have the authority for banking for MABA. Vote: motion by Michelle, 2nd by Becky – motion carried.
- **Grants:** Bev Dashner gave an update on the Iowa Great Places grant. The deadline to apply for designation or re-designation is February 24th. MABA will be notified in June if approved for re-designation. If approved, designation would be good for 10 years. Bonnie motioned to apply for re-designation, 2nd by Stephanie – motion carried.
 - o Natalie gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project. Currently not in a place to apply for TAP or Wellmark until engineer gives project estimate

- **Valentine Dinner:** With the rising numbers of COVID cases, the board thought it wasn't a great idea to have a large indoor gathering like the dinner. We will cancel this year, but look to spring for a COVID-friendly fundraiser; ex. Easter Egg hunt

- **Membership:** Becky motioned to pay \$150 to the Glenwood Area Chamber for their 2022 membership. Second by Greg. Motion carried. MABA membership drive to begin in March. Discussion was held on different ways to market MABA to the community; direct mail campaign, raffles at the Concert Series, sending a letter to donors explaining what we've done throughout the years. Explaining to people that the betterment association is here for their community.

- **Mulholland's:** Kenzie updated the group on the current total in the Go Fund Malvern account. Discussion was held on what to do with the money and how to disperse it to the three impacted businesses. Stephanie and Kenzie were going to reach out to the three business owners to again ask if there was anything MABA could do to help support them. It was decided to hold on to the funds for now until we know more.
 - o Special Vote on January 19, 2022: After Kenzie and Stephanie reached out the business owners again to see if anyone needed any financial assistance, no one said they needed anything. It was mentioned to give Judy, Mulholland and Amy & Fred \$5,000 each of the Go Fund Malvern. Kenzie, Natalie, Stephanie and Michelle voted yes; no response from Gary Jones.

Adjournment: motion by Kenzie and 2nd by Kent, Time: 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2022 @ 6:00 pm Basement of Memorial Bldg