

MABA Minutes – March 3rd, 2022 @ 6:00 pm @ Liberty Memorial Building

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Kenzie Meggison

Board members present: Natalie, Kenzie, Michelle, Teresa, Caroline, Gary; Additional guests: Lisa Barrett, Bonnie Pierce, Cheryl Jones and Becky Bell; Absent: Stephanie Bowden & Carol Sonnichsen

Secretary report: Approved by Bonnie Pierce; seconded by Caroline – motion carried

Treasurer report: No updates to report.

Old Business:

- **2022 Budget:** No update to report.
- **Letter to bank:** Michelle prepared the letter and sent to Kenzie for approval.
- **Youth Scholarship (contacts and updated application):** The application has been updated and sent to the school.
- **Membership Drive:** Natalie will update the brochure. Once that is complete, we will email it out to current MABA members, put on social media and handout to area businesses.
- **Kegs & Eggs (Glenwood Area Chamber):** Natalie will be on the Chamber's weekly podcast to talk about MABA and what we do for the Malvern area. We are working on getting various items from local businesses to add to the silent auction (Fine Arts on 5th, Art Church, The Depot, Classic, Malvern Bank, Studio B, Side Street Styles, Beyond Boutique, etc.). We need volunteers to help serve breakfast. The event is from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th.
- **Spring Fundraiser:**
 - Caroline is working with the Park Board for an Easter Egg Hunt. MABA might have some left over prizes to donate to the event.
 - Banners on Flag Poles downtown – sell banner flags for community members to purchase to be displayed for Veterans Day in honor of family member
 - Bike Rodeo:
 - We would like to host this downtown for kids to bring their bikes down to get them checked and then they'd get a free helmet. They would also be able to participate in a bike safety course.
 - It's part of the "Safe Routes to School Program"
 - We're looking at April 23rd or April 30th to have this event.
- **Independence Day Celebration:** The Malvern Bank has generously decided to pay \$15,000 for the fireworks. Since MABA earmarked \$5,000 for the display, it was decided that MABA will continue to raise money for the fireworks display and Gary will see if there's still time to make the display even bigger. The stage and port-a-pots have been rented. The next meeting for the Independence Day celebration will be March 9th @ 6:30 at the Hangout.

New Business:

- **Summer Concert Series:** The Summer Concert Series runs June 11th – August 13th. Discussion was had on MABA having a table at the concert series with membership flyers.
- **Bryan Copeland – Spring Master Gardener Request (action):**
 - o On March 26th, The Mills County Master Gardeners are hosting their “Spring into Spring” Garden Conference at the Lakin Center in Malvern. The Glenwood Area Chamber donated chamber bucks and asked if MABA would like to donate any as well. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Caroline to donate \$50 in Malvern Bucks to Master Garden Conference; seconded by Kenzie – motion carried.
- **Pocket-Park**
 - o \$800 of the Pocket Park Grant will be used to repair the tree that was damaged from the collapsing of Mulholland’s. A committee was formed to decide how to proceed with the items left in the pocket-park. The committee is a combination of city council, MABA, community members and the park board: Amber Lidgett and Heather West (City Council); Cheryl Jones and Bonnie Pierce (MABA), Zach Jones (community) and Lisa Olsen (Park Board). This will be a short-term committee.
- **Meeting Times:**
 - o Discussion was held about the current meeting time for MABA. Due to Current board members’ schedules, Bonnie made a motion to move the official meeting time to 6:30 p.m.; Caroline seconded; motioned carried

Adjournment: Motion by Cheryl and 2nd by Caroline – 7:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Liberty Memorial Bldg. Basement