

MABA Minutes – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 pm @ Liberty Memorial

Building Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Natalie

Board members present: Natalie, Stephanie, Caroline, Michelle and Gary; Additional guests: Cheryl Jones; Absent: Teresa Gilreath, Kenzie Meggison & Carol Sonnichsen.

**Secretary report:** Approved by Cheryl; seconded by Stephanie – motion carried

**Treasurer report:** No report was given.

**Old Business:**

- **Christmas Decorations Committee Update:** There was discussion on using the remaining funds to get some remote LED lights throughout downtown/Main Street. They could change with the seasons and stay up year-round. Hopefully it could be similar to ones that Malvern Bank put up. Michelle will reach out to her husband to see if he has some ideas; Natalie will reach out to Jay to get the contact and bid for their lights.

**New Business:**

- **Rural Health Improvement Grant- Healthy Hometown:** Looking for four small, rural Iowa towns to work toward a Health Improvement type project. Discussion was had on connecting the new subdivision to the trace and school. The sidewalk would go from the subdivision up to 9th, to Marion and down to the school. The developer for the subdivision is responsible for connecting it to the Wabash Trace. It is a \$15,000 grant. With other grant opportunities available, we would be close to what we need for that project.
- **Teacher Luncheon (action):** The East Mills Teacher Luncheon is scheduled for August 17th. There was a motion to purchase items for the sandwiches, supplies for the teachers and reusable cups. Approved by Michelle, 2nd by Caroline - motioned carried.
- **Homecoming Celebration - Band Funding (action):** Heather West requested \$100 from MABA to help fund the cost for a band on Homecoming Weekend. Clarification was needed for what day it was for, Friday or Saturday. There was a motion by Stephanie to approve the funding request for Saturday, September 17th, 2nd by Caroline – motioned carried.

**Additional Discussion/Comments:**

- The Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce will soon be changing its name to “Mills County Area Chamber of Commerce”. A betterment group will be forming as a separate entity in Glenwood, now that the chamber is moving toward county representation. MABA will help guide the new betterment association and will help in any way we can.

- Trunk or Treat - The Park Board wants to collaborate with our Trunk or Treat that is scheduled for October 29th.
- Southwest Iowa Art Tour: The gambling license for the quilt raffle is good to go. Kenzie and Michelle will be at the concert series on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to raffle off the blanket. We will continue to sell raffle tickets at the Southwest Iowa Art Tour and Homecoming. The quilt will be on display at Classic Cafe.
- Independence Day Celebration: Do we want to do it? If so, we need to have more people involved. The fireworks have to be ordered by the end of the year, however, the sooner the better. We need to decide by October if we're going to do it again next year or not. Discussion was had to have another social event like held in previous years to gain interest in various MABA sponsored events i.e. Independence Day Celebration, Festival of Trees, etc.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Michelle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary – 8:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 1, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Liberty Memorial Bldg. Basement