

## MALVERN AREA BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

March 6, 2011 official minutes

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Carnegie Conference Center with members present: Stacy Means, Patti Beres, Gary Jones, Bonnie Pierce, Joyce Hall, Chance Beres, Cheryl Jones, Deb Breeding, Melonie Wilgengusch, Julie Rutz, Becky Bell, and Rachelle Walters.

President Stacy Means called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Minutes were read and a motion to approve by Patty B, seconded by Deb B, UA.

Patty Beres gave the treasurer's report. The general fund account contains \$15,551.00 which includes \$10,000.00 in grant funds for the welcome center. The special events account has \$8,491.05. Several more memberships monies have come in. Joyce H made a motion to approve the report, Cheryl J seconded the motion. UA.

The decorating committee is onboard for the upcoming Fire and Rescue Banquet to be held March 26. They are renting round tables and table cloths so we only need to cover the head tables. Bonnie Pierce will attend to present donations to the two groups.

RAGBRAI ideas were discussed at great length. If there are bicyclists in Malvern, it would probably be on Saturday prior to the ride beginning on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Ideas discussed include: shaved ice machine, having the Welcome Center open, providing an air up tire station, cold water, music and restrooms, tram rides, homemade pie, graffiti wall for sign in and a tour bike ride around Malvern and part of the Trace. Activities would be in the afternoon and evening. Cheryl Jones will bring shaved ice machine estimates to the next meeting. This could be utilized for all MABA events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

There was a short discussion of events. Mindee Sommerla is in charge of fundraising for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks to be fired on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. She would like volunteers to help with the fundraising. \$7000.00 needs to be raised. En Plein Air will continue to operate this year looking at a date in late August or early September to try for better weather. We will try to find a weekend that does not coincide with other events in surrounding towns.

My Girls Ink and Caring Touch Massage ribbon cuttings were held in February and were well attended and fun even though it was a very snowy day. The newspaper articles and pictures were well done. Thanks to those organizing it.

Work is coming along slowly on the Welcome Center. We need to have an approved and signed lease as soon as possible. Some of the wall holes have been repaired and cleanup started. We are in the process of securing two bids for the painting. The outside walls will need be treated for moisture damage. Carpet tiles will be utilized for the floor, leaving the entry floor as is.

The Valentine's Dinner was very successful, providing a wonderful dinner and an enjoyable social evening. Many thanks to the Classic Café for hosting and MABA members serving.

Another business item was to appoint a teen member to the board. Patty nominated Chance Beres to fill that position. Joyce H made the motion, seconded by Bonnie P. UA.

There were no new updates on the park board or SWINT board or city council. City council will meet the next evening. Members were urged to attend to keep updated on their activities.

Stacy brought up an advertising spot with KMA to be sponsored by the local 4-H club. They are selling 60 second spots for \$20.00. It was decided to buy one to promote the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July and fireworks. Patty made the motion and Joyce seconded. UA.

The Glenwood Chamber Banquet is this Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>. MABA paid for tickets for Allen and Joyce Hall to represent MABA. Kim and Spencer will be presented with a volunteer award. Attendance is recommended.

Mindee S is working on a 3 on 3 basketball fundraiser to be held Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the East Mills High School. Three person teams will play half court for six minutes. Prizes will be awarded. Advertising will be flyers, face book and word of mouth. Every should come and enjoy a fun afternoon.

Gateway of Chaos information was handed out to all members. There are lots of things to consider with the new location and plans are moving along.

Saturday, March 12 is the date for the chili feed fundraiser for the Skate Park. It will be held from noon to five. All members should plan to attend and support this endeavor.

With no further business, Patty made the motion to adjourn at 5:20.

Submitted by Bonnie Pierce, acting secretary