

MALVERN AREA BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

June 5, 2011 official minutes

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the new Welcome Center. Members present: Pres. Stacy Means, Bev Dashner, Patty Beres, MinDee Sommerla, Richelle Walter, Greg & Bonnie Pierce, Tom Mulholland, Chance Beres, Melanie Wilgenbusch, Ed Mulholland, and Lori Hunt. Guest: Judy Scott.

Minutes had previously been read by all. Bonnie P. made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Patty B. seconded. Unanimous approval.

Patty Beres gave the treasurer's report including the bills from the past month. The special events account has \$9,107.04 including a donation from Malvern Trust & Saving Bank. The General Fund contains \$8,422.99. To date there has been \$7,741.25 expended from the grant for the Welcome Center. Bev D. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bonnie P. seconded; unanimous approval.

This is the first meeting of MABA at the Welcome Center. The carpet, and chairs have been purchased, painting is done and restrooms are complete. There is still an electrical problem that will need to be resolved and estimates will be needed for new light fixtures. Tables will be ordered next. The group looked at examples of the Welcome Center sign design and voted on the font that they preferred before sending it to My Girls Ink for completion.

MinDee reported on progress of the July 2 Independence Day celebration giving a rundown on the games and times for events. An announcer for the parade and fireworks still needs to be contacted. Other details such as electricity at Boehner Park and a sound system will be completed by the committee.

A discussion about Donor Perfect for membership tracking resulted in a motion by Tom Mulholland to purchase the online version so more people could use it. The subscription can be cancelled at any time. Melanie W. seconded the motion and all approved.

A RAGBRAI discussion followed with a recommendation that MABA place signs on the highways in the area welcoming bicyclists and support people to come to Malvern during the weekend festivities in Glenwood. The Welcome Center will be open, the Sno Cone machine will be in operation. Stacy will get six signs made for the highway areas. Bike repair kits will be purchased for travelers.

Patty Beres reported on the ribbon cutting and the Wabash Warm-up. The event drew a lot of bikers to the area. There were approximately 25-30 people at the ribbon cutting. Donations to the Trace amounted to \$150 and MABA received \$50 for the July 2 fireworks.

Stacy reported on the street dance that the fair board requested MABA to work at the beer garden on Friday, July 16. The Fair board will set up the fence around the beer garden. Stacy will get the permit for the event.

Bonnie P. reported on the refurbished travel trailer donated to MABA to be used as a concession trailer. It was recommended that we purchase a shaved ice machine for \$1,359.00 that would use cubed ice. A foot switch would cost another \$36. Cost of cups is \$40 for 500. A hopper that holds 20 lbs of ice will cost \$240. If picked up in Omaha MABA could save the shipping costs. Ed Mulholland volunteered to

pick it up. A generator will be necessary if no electricity is available. Charges for snow cones will be \$3. MinDee made a motion to buy the machine and Patty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Organization updates:

The bike business loop lane will not be replaced due to lack of interest by public and absence of funding for it.

MinDee reported that she discussed the City Wide Initiative project of a new bike loop along the old RR bed in the east part of town with Mike Blackburn. Nothing has been done to date.

Stacy M. discussed a donation to the new golf course project. Bonnie P. made a motion to donate \$250. Patty B. seconded with all in favor.

SWINT: Greg P. reported that law enforcement and emergency personnel would like to have an organized way to place mile markers along the Wabash Trace. Patty will discuss possibilities with the Rescue Center members.

Weeding will need to be done by MABA mebers on the city nodes prior to the July 2 celebration since the city workers do not have the time to do it.

Several volunteers agreed to distribute Independence Day flyers in the surrounding communities.

With no further business, Patty B. made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Beverly Dashner, Secretary