

Malvern Historical Commission
Minutes
December 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Hugo Schmitt, chair – present
Barbara Rutz, vice chair – present (virtual)
Catherine Raymond, treasurer – present
Ian Duncan, secretary – absent
Lynne Frederick, member – present
Jonathan Hoppe, member – present
Barbara Stergiades, member – absent

Chair Hugo Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

- I. Opening Remarks – acknowledgment of a few office items ordered for History Center, including 4" x 6" magnetic photo frames.
- II. Public Comment – none
- III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – previous meeting's minutes not submitted in time for review this meeting, will be approved at a future date.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Financial Report – not submitted this meeting due to corrections needed prior to finalization and submission.
 - B. Donations Received
 1. Bottom of a glass Hires bottle found in coastal Maine, donated by Jonathan Hoppe
 2. Postcards, donated anonymously:
 - Paoli Monument
 - St. Joseph's Retreat House
 - Flag raising at St. Joseph's Retreat House
 - Monument Avenue, looking east from Powelton
 - King Street, looking east
 - Handkerchief bazaar advertising postcard
 3. Paoli Massacre bicentennial first-day cover, donated anonymously.
 4. Malvern Farm Supply envelope, 1919, donated anonymously.
 5. Color print, "Night Attack at Paoli," from Headley, J. T. *The Illustrated Life of Washington: With Vivid Pen Paintings of Battles and Incidents, Trials and Triumphs of the Heroes and Soldiers of Revolutionary Times*. Social Circle, Georgia: F. Nebhut & Brother, 1859.
 - C. Electronic Communication Report
 1. Facebook: 1,848 followers, 1,662 likes; Instagram Followers: 494
 2. Yahoo email: junk; email from pamuseums.org about CatalogIt software; Malvern.org emails; Spam; CCHPN dues invoice

V. Old Business

- A. Malverns Worldwide – no updates
- B. Preservation Awards – the vendor that produced the award plaques has gone out of business; a new vendor must be sought for future products. Mayor Uzman has ordered samples from another vendor for comparison.
- C. Historic Ordinance – no updates
- D. Action Log – Historic resources and more list – almost ready to print THE combined historic resource / preservation awardees list; new tab for financial expenditure tracking
- E. Legacy Tree Project (Environmental Advisory Council and Shade Tree Commission) – on hold pending updates from the Shade Tree Commission on location of older trees in Malvern.
- F. Parks and Rec – Hugo to rework Randolph Woods research for inclusion in histories of parks.
- G. Water System Pump House – no response from the new Chesco Preservation Coordinator, or Kennett Square with information on their pump house project; Hugo will follow up with Karen Marshall again; Hugo will email Borough Council with updates about progress and finding the right people to work with for repurposing the building and the steps needed to be taken to reach that goal. Mayor Uzman, in attendance, noted that Public Works had been asked to engage a structural engineering firm to evaluate the state of the building.
- H. David Evans Journals – no updates.
- I. Notable African American Malvernites: Hugo responded to an email from councilman Joe Bones, following up on a report about African Americans families in Malvern's history requested by Borough Council in 2020. It was noted that some of the research on the Manon and other families was gathered but that the report was not completed and formally presented to Borough Council.
- J. Reappointment of Jonathan Hoppe to MHC: Jon's reappointment must still be put in front of Borough Council for their consideration. Expected to be put on their agenda for their January 2, 2024 reorganization meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Zoning & subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO) overhaul: Borough council is seeking input into the revised ordinance from stakeholders across Borough commissions and has invited MHC to send a representative on a dedicated task force for historical perspective and institutional knowledge of its development.
- B. Deed of Gift: Jon emailed a draft temporary custody receipt and deed of gift for the MHC's review; these will need to be run by the borough solicitor before implementation.
- C. Email to Hugo from David Schraeder, of architectural firm SCHRADERGROUP, on behalf of Great Valley School District (GVSD), seeking information and/or images about townships and boroughs in the GVSD for inclusion in display panels for the new 5/6 Center on Swedesford Road. Hugo responded asking for clarification if they are seeking information or images. It was noted that the MHC has a policy and agreement that Campli Photography supplies photo reproductions from the History Center collection.

VII. Events

- A. MHC Open Hours: expected to be open that the 3rd Saturday of each month; March 2nd is the anticipated date of Cabin Fever which will require a full MHC presence that Saturday; announcements will be put on social media for December 23rd open hours and book sales
- B. Wreaths Across America – December 16th

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Cathy, seconded by Lynne; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Next regular meeting: January 9th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Hoppe, Acting Secretary