

Malvern Historic Commission

Meeting January 28, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Kristin Thomas, Joan Stackhouse

Members Absent: Betty Burke, Barbara Leighton

Invited Guests: Nancy Schmitt, Pat Gallagher

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 26, 2007 meeting were approved.

New Business:

- A. **Coloring Book** – We would like to invite the artist with experience in developing a coloring book to the meeting in February. Lynne will ask Barb to contact the artist.
- B. **Easttown Historical Society** – The Easttown Historical Society is holding a fundraiser on April 13. They have requested 15-20 photos with no more than a 2-sentence caption for each by the end of February. 2 MHC members can attend for free, the cost for others is not yet known. MHC will be allowed to sell books at the event with no amount of the sale going towards the Easttown Historical Society. It was suggested that Nancy be one of the attendees as she would then be able to sign the books that people purchased.
- C. **Interview** – Joan conducted an oral interview with Bobby Wright. She stated that she feels the need to go back for clarification of some of the answers she received. There was much discussion regarding whether to tape these types of interviews. The MHC owns a small tape recorder. Joan will test it to see if it still works and then use it if it does. Joan stated that she needs to go back to Sadie Farra as well.

Old Business:

- A. **Summer Walking Tour** – Malvern's tour will be on Thursday, July 17, 2008. Lynne, Kristen, Barb, Joan, and Nancy will all attend the county's workshop to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 9-11am. Nancy provided a rough draft of the script for the tour and included a map of the stops where each section of the tour will take place. There was discussion of the timeline sent by the county. There may be a need to set up projects to be done outside of meetings. It was felt that more discussion of the tour should wait until after the workshop.
- B. **Historic Ordinances** – Lynne met with Planning Commission chair, Chris Mongeau to go over what both groups are looking for. Lynne stated that the meeting was very productive. Lynne is working on typing the draft of the ordinance using other municipality's ordinances and hopes to get it to Chris in February so that a meeting with the solicitor can be set. Pat offered to take over the typing duties. Lynne will deliver the information to Pat tomorrow.
- C. **Book** – There was discussion regarding the special "sale" price of the 2 books as a set (\$50) that the MHC offered during the month of December. It was decided that the Commission will bring that offer back for special occasions such as the Malvern Blooms and Fall Festival. Nancy suggested that the Chester County Book Company be called to see where they are with Malvern Items, and ask if they would like to carry A Century in Malvern. Lynne will make that phone call.

- D. **Historic Property Inventory Files** – A list of items to be done for a volunteer will continue to be developed. Item on hold for time being. Some of these may need to be completed before the walking tour. Nancy will develop a list and Lynne will complete the research.
- E. **Historical Resources Map** – Lynne is continuing to review the typed descriptions for details, and hopes to have that completed by the end of January. The county Parks and Recreation office developed a map with Class I, II, and III Historic Resources shown in different colors. Lynne used the map in her meeting with Planning Commission chair, Chris Mongeau, and both found it to be a very useful tool. Lynne will review the map for errors and ask the county to make changes.
- F. **Cataloging Historical Items** – item on hold, but may need to be revisited before walking tour.
- G. **Creation of room** – item on hold, but may need to be revisited before walking tour.
- H. **Website** – Lynne keeps updates going to Dave as necessary
- I. **History Day at Immaculata in May** – It was decided by the Commission members present not to participate this year due to the number of large projects we are currently engaged in. Lynne will send an email to Ellen Carmody to let her know.

Updates:

- A. **Budget** – The budget request of \$2250 was approved by Borough Council in December. Some purchases have already been made, including some photo storage boxes, photo pencils, and gloves for use in the History Center, a subscription to Pennsylvania Magazine for the History Center, and memberships to the Chester County Historic Preservation Network and the Chester County Historical Society.
- B. **Nancy's Activities** – Nancy provided the Commission a report of her activities from 2007, including 2006 hours of time spent in the History Center and in research. The Commission is very much indebted to her for this time and expressed their thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury
Co-Chair, Malvern Historic Commission