

## Malvern Historic Commission

Meeting November 26, 2007

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Lynne Hockenbury, Barbara Leighton, Joan Stackhouse

**Members Absent:** Betty Burke, Kristin Thomas

**Invited Guests:** Nancy Schmitt, Pat Gallagher

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

#### New Business:

- A. **Next Year's meeting dates** – The committee looked over the 2008 calendar, and determined the dates for meetings for the year. Generally, they will continue to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, with no meeting in December. The dates are January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to Memorial Day holiday), June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 24.
- B. **Schedule for Malvern Victorian Christmas book selling** – We plan to sell books at the National Bank of Malvern from 6:15 until 9pm. Lynne, Joan, and Barb will take turns staying with Nancy, who will be there the whole time for signing purposes. Lynne will deliver books to the bank on Friday afternoon and check with them about the availability of a table and chair for Nancy.
- C. **Ebay items secured** – Lynne recently purchased, and donated to the commission, 3 items from Ebay, an original printing of A Century in Malvern, a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative plate, and a Monday Afternoon Club cookbook from 1912. A short time after the cookbook was received, the seller sent a note with a donation check to the Commission which more than covered the amount Lynne spent on the item. Lynne will send a thank you note back to the seller for their generosity.
- D. **Data** – The data that was collected on Election Day was very positive for the Commission. There were high percentages of residents who supported the efforts of the Historical Commission in preservation of the older buildings in the borough. Lynne will review the results with Sandy, and include a summary in the newsletter.

#### Old Business:

The seven projects that are currently in process were reviewed:

- A. **Historical Resources Map** – Descriptions typed into the computer are completed. Lynne will review them and get them onto the Historical Commission's computer for Nancy's use by the end of 2007.
- B. **Book** – The 200 copies of the reprint of A Century in Malvern have been received. None will be sold until the Malvern Victorian Christmas event on December 7. The price of the reprinted book will be \$35. The Commission will offer a special through the month of December where customers can buy both books (A Century in Malvern and Malvern Items) for a price of \$50, saving \$5 off each book. Nancy stated that she may need to postpone printing another book until 2009 as she has been occupied with other issues that have kept her from working on it.
- C. **Cataloging Historical Items** – item on hold
- D. **Creation of room** – item on hold

- E. **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.
- F. **Historic Ordinances** – Lynne will be meeting with Planning Commission chair, Chris Mongeau to go over what both groups are looking for, they will meet with the borough solicitor to draft an ordinance.
- G. **Website** – The website went live today! We have a page with a general description of who we are and what we do, written by Barb, a page that lists our members, pages with our meeting minutes and our meeting schedule, a page with our book order form, and a page with helpful links. Dave Knies is still looking for property documentation, so Nancy and Lynne will look at how we can add the researched information from 137 Monument Ave.

**Updates:**

- A. Summer Walking Tour – Lynne has not yet heard back from Karen Marshall at the Chester County Parks and Recreation Department yet regarding questions that the Commission has. Lynne feels strongly that the Commission needs to develop a time line of what will need to be done over the next few months to plan for this event. Items to discuss include a theme, how many stops, and possible volunteers. The Commission determined a theme of Women in Malvern, which we need to make sure is all right with the County before we proceed farther. The Commission members suggested possible people to contact as volunteers including Marilyn Rothberg, Liz Morris, Sarah Bones' husband, the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund members, the Library, and Vicki Sharpless. Lynne also has names, phone numbers, and email addresses from the data collected.
- B. Nancy mentioned that she has been busy transcribing the meeting minutes from the Club of Little Gardens, and will soon start to work on the Monday Afternoon Club minutes. She has created a Citizen Directory on the HC computer, which is still in process, but currently includes information on approximately 950 citizens of Malvern. Because a new book might be on hold until 2009, Nancy suggested that the Commission consider a coloring book of buildings/sites in Malvern and a cookbook that includes recipes from old cookbooks in our possession as well as recipes from current women in the borough (Borough Council members, Commission members, Borough office staff, Library, etc.). The Commission will continue to discuss these ideas.
- C. Budget – Lynne has not heard back about whether our budget was approved or not, but hopes to hear back at the beginning of December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury  
Co-Chair, Malvern Historic Commission