

Malvern Historic Commission

Meeting February 25, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Kristin Thomas, Joan Stackhouse, Barbara Leighton

Members Absent: Betty Burke,

Invited Guests: Nancy Schmitt, Pat Gallagher, Michael Fernandez

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting were approved.

New Business:

- A. **Coloring Book** – Michael Fernandez, the artist, spoke with us about the coloring book and presented a sample concept. He would charge \$4-50 per illustration. We need to give him the content and photos/list of about 10 properties that we'd like to include. Our schedule is to distribute this book by Victorian Christmas (complete and go to print in Sept). Michael suggested we create and he sign a release so that we own all rights to the illustrations. We agreed to touch base with him in May and make a decision before July 1st.

Old Business:

- A. **Summer Walking Tour** – Malvern's tour will be on Thursday, July 24, 2008. Lynne, Kristen, Barb, Joan, and Nancy attended the county's workshop on Saturday, February 9, 2008. The commission discussed Nancy's rough draft of the script for the tour and map of the stops where each section of the tour will take place. Everyone agreed to work on soliciting volunteers via the Borough Newsletter, the survey results, other Historic Commissions, the library, Moms Club, Church Bulletins and flyers. Nancy will work to partner with the Business and Professional Assoc for a new brochure. Joan will look into fixing the framing on the photos from the Borough Hall meeting room. Lynne will contact Easttown, East Goshen and Avondale for assistance. Kristin will solicit ideas and samples for markers etc from Historic Yellow Springs. Kristin will also create a flyer to use at Malvern Blooms to advertise the event and solicit volunteers. Joan and Kristin will reach out to those that expressed an interest in helping on the survey. Kristin will create a separate action log for the tour.
- 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. Nancy is working on the photos and captions to include and expects to complete this work by the end of the month. Joan offered to assist Nancy and Lynne will call and delay our deadline by one week to give us more time.
- 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.

- D. **Historic Ordinances** – Lynne completed 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. She will call Chris to schedule a meeting.
- E. **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. Barb also contacted the coffee house at the train station and they are very interested in selling books. Kohlermans’ continues to be the top seller.
- F. **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. Lynne and Barb will work on research needed to assist with the walking tour. Lynne committed to March 6th and 7th and Barb can help from March 21st-the end of March.
- G. **Historical Resources Map** – Review of the typed descriptions for details is complete. 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. We will review this information for the coloring book and town tour as needed.
- H. **Cataloging Historical Items** – item on hold, but may need to be revisited before walking tour.
- I. **Creation of room** – item on hold, but may need to be revisited before walking tour. Lynne is meeting with the Paoli Battlefield folks on 2/27 and will discuss their inventory that is in our room.
- J. **Website** – Lynne keeps updates going to Dave as necessary. Kristin requested a photo to place on the home page.
- K. **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.
- L. **Borough Newsletter** – Lynne will send Sandy a paragraph for the April newsletter, which will solicit a commissioner and volunteers for the town tour.

Updates:

- A. **Eli Kahn Project** – Lynne and Kristin communicated the proposal from Eli Kahn that was made during a recent Borough Council meeting. Suggestions and concerns of the historic commission are:
 - a. Concerned about the height
 - b. Concerned about the Borough’s lack of control over design of exterior
 - c. Commission requests notification concerning any and all meetings regarding this project
 - d. The commission strongly concurs with the need for a comprehensive traffic and pedestrian study
- B. **Borough events** - Malvern Bloom will be Sunday, April 27th and Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 5th. We are signed up for both.

C. **Treasurer report** – Nancy suggested that we provide monthly updates

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury
Co-Chair, Malvern Historic Commission