

Malvern Historic Commission

Meeting September 28, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Barb Rutz, Barb Leighton, Deb Collins

Members Absent: Kristen Thomas, Joan Stackhouse, Tina England

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the August 24 meeting will be approved via email. Due to printer problems, copies of the minutes were unavailable at the meeting.

New Business:

- A. Nancy handed out three documents for the commission to review. One document was about the historical markers, a second document was on Downingtown's 150th celebration and the third document was a commentary on American History today. Discussion included the need for the sign at Raintree on King and Sugartown Rd to be corrected. Suggestions were made that that sign should be similar to the information on the historical sign at Paoli Pike and Warren.
- B. Nancy received a phone call from a relative of the Cunningham and Frances families. The individual was looking for historical information on the family for an upcoming family reunion. The only information the MHC has on this family is one obituary. This person grew up at 155 Longford Avenue in a house that was burned down over 25 years ago. The Malvern Fire Company used the house for training firefighters. On behalf of the MHC, Nancy offered to purchase any photographs and other historical items related to this family and the house.
- C. The owner of 215 Paoli Pike came into the historical center looking for history of his home. The son of a Pennsylvania governor, Earl Baker, used to live in that home.
- D. The Malvern Borough's updated website was shared with the MHC members. We watched the virtual video tour. Another website, run by a private individual was also reviewed. This site, www.go2malvern.com, has links to the borough's calendar as well as links to other municipalities that encompass the Malvern zipcode.
- E. Victorian Christmas – Nancy mentioned that we need to begin thinking about our participation in Malvern's Victorian Christmas. Lynne noted that she would contact the Bank. The MHC members discussed handing out brochures, selling magnets and the three books.
- F. Lynne mentioned that due to personal commitments, she would be stepping down as co-chair as of January 1, 2010. She would still remain an active member of MHC. If anyone on the commission is interested in co-chairing with Joan, please let Lynne know.

Updates:

- A. Malvern Open House flyers were handed out at Raintree, Malvern Crossing, Charlestown Greene and placed at the library. Kingsbury Apartments Kingsbury wouldn't let Lynne hand them out. I had to send them a copy of our flyer, and they had to discuss it at a board meeting. If they agreed to hand it out, they would take care of it themselves. We don't know whether they will do this or not
- B. Paoli Battlefield Illumination is at 7PM on October 17. The preservation fund is looking for someone to assist and take a shift.

- C. Nancy updated the commission on her research for the new book. She is up to 1954 and has over 700 index cards of information. She has logged 549 hours of research. Barb R. will help Nancy do some research at the County level.

Old Business:

- A. Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund Event – Being held Friday, Oct 2, 2009. Barb R, Lynne and Deb will be present to assist. MHC will provide refreshments. We will also be selling our books that evening. The Preservation Fund dropped off a large display case. MHC re-arranged items to make room for the Battlefield displays. MHC members who are present at the event will wear nametags, a white shirt and dark pants. The commission took 15 minutes at the end of the meeting to finish moving items to ease traffic flow during this event.
- B. MBPA Fall Festival – October 4. Schedule for manning the table: First Shift: Deb and Nancy, Second Shift: Barb, Third Shift: Barb and Lynne. Deb will bring table, table cloth, magnet display, books and change fund. Barb R. will bring a tent. 100 Malvern Walking Tour brochures will also be available at the table.
- C. Open House – October 26 from 7-9pm. Themed display of women and their roles in Malvern. Items will include a book on fashion, a photo of a girl, a Swanson TV dinner, Cookbooks, Monday Afternoon Club items and other pop culture items indicative of women over the past 100 years. Lynne offered to bring in an old music stand for use as a podium. Lynne will contact Sandy to see about putting a message on the large sign. Nancy suggested an information sheet on the Malvern History Center be updated and copies available for the Open House. The commission agreed this would be a good idea.
- D. Collection Management – Tina was not present, so there was nothing to discuss
- E. 125th Anniversary – Nancy suggested the commission consider a parade to celebrate the 125th.
- F. Historic Ordinances - Lynne is prepping for the presentation to the PC and BC.
- G. Historic Property Inventory Files –The files have all been checked. The next step is to get the information onto the computer and set a date to add missing items to files.
- H. Historic Resources Map –Descriptions typed into the computer are done. Lynne is reviewing for details and hopes to have completed this by the end of 2009.
- I. Creation of Displays – Next display change will be Saturday, October 24 from 9am to 12noon in preparation of the Open House.
- J. Reviewed other items on the Action log. Updates were made on items completed and adjustments to target due dates. Walking Tour brochure was moved to an ongoing item. Promotional mugs were moved to 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

The Malvern Historical Center Open House Event will be held on October 26th in place of the MHC monthly meeting. The next meeting will be November 23rd.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins

Secretary Malvern Historic Commission