

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting January 25, 2010

Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Deb Collins

Members Absent: Kristen Thomas, Barb Rutz, Joan Stackhouse, Tina England, Barb Leighton

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Justin Turner

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

Approval of Minutes: There were not enough members present to approve the minutes from November's meeting.

New Business:

- A. Acquired 6 more postcards and a Christmas Carol booklet through EBAY
- B. Lynne attended the Borough Council meeting on January 19th and gave a review to the council on what the historical commission did for 2009. Our year-end summary will be posted on the website.
- C. Bridget H Cooper sent an email about to the commission asking about a 100th Anniversary poster hanging in the Malvern Train Station. She wants to know more about it. Lynne will respond if we can find additional information on it. Ms. Cooper is interested in purchasing a copy of this poster.
- D. The MHC will use FLICKR.com to host any video and photos for the website. It is a free hosting site and won't cost the commission any money to manage. The account is registered with the historical commission's email address.
- E. Collections Training – There is a class of interest titled "Digitation for Small Institutions" being held on October 27, 2010 at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The cost is \$50 per person. Let Lynne know if you are interested. For more information, visit: <http://www.ccaha.org/education/program-calendar>
- F. There is an Equestrian Traditions antiques show in Chester County March 19 – 21.
<http://www.chestercohistorical.org/antiquesshow.php>

Updates:

- A. The budget for 2010 is \$2000.
- B. The conversion of interview tapes to CD's has been completed. The cost was \$100 per tape for 2 digital copies. The copies were done by Emmet Robinson on King Street. Transcription needs to be done on many of the older interviews. Current interviews have been transcribed by Joan.
- C. Lynne is completing the forms for Malvern Blooms and the Fall Fest. Malvern Blooms will be held on April 25 from 10am to 5pm and the Fall Fest will be held on October 3 from 10am to 5pm. The commission will be able to reserve a table at no charge again this year.
- D. Nancy logged 715 hours in 2009 doing research on businesses, women and the walking tour brochure. She logged 41 hours of research this month and current has 1100 file cards on women in Malvern.
- E. Nancy asked that anything copied at the Chester County Historical Society be copied full sized. It is difficult to read if items like newspaper articles and obituaries are reduced.

Old Business:

- A. Historic Ordinances – Lynne will get back to Sandy about the historic ordinances.
- B. Those commission members who dropped off books need to check locations where our two books have been placed for sale: (Malvern Items: 1889 – 1996 and the 2007 reprint of A Century in Malvern). Do the businesses have money for us from sales made, or do they need more to sell?
 - a. Library (Lynne)
 - b. Kohlerman’s (Lynne will see if they need more)
 - c. Malvern Prep (Lynne)
 - d. Chester County Book Store (Lynne)
 - e. Malvern Train Station (Barb L)
 - f. Paoli Pharmacy (Barb L)
 - g. Paoli Hardware Store (Barb L)
 - h. Milestone and Unique Pewter have gone out of business and cannot be checked.
- C. Acquisition paperwork - need to place copies of acquisition papers at the borough office and available in the History Center. Anyone bringing items to the Historical Commission for possible acquisition should fill out a form. At the end of each Historical Commission meeting, members will review the items and determine if they are to be added to the collection.
- D. Members present went through items for acquisition and filed items purchased through Ebay. We need to purchase more sleeves for postcards and photos.

Comments:

- A. Nancy is concerned that the commission needs to stay on top of what is going on with changes to architectural structures, homes, etc. in the borough. Who is taking pictures of old buildings before they are torn down or renovated? Justin suggested that there must be a way to include the historical commission on a permit – so that we know about a renovation or demolition and can be aware of the potential loss of history. Lynne and Deb suggested that maybe it should be a commission member’s job to scan the borough and planning commission agendas so that the commission is more aware of renovation and demolitions.
- B. Nancy suggested a project for the commission (in preparation for her new book on Women in Malvern): Selling a book campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Next meeting: Monday, February 22, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins

Secretary Malvern Historic Commission