

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting February 22, 2010

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Kristen Thomas, Joan Stackhouse

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Barbara Corbin

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

Approval of Minutes: January meeting minutes were approved, as corrected.

New Business:

- A. Malvern Blooms and Fall Fest forms - have been sent to the Business Association and approved. A schedule for covering our booth will need to be established at the next meeting.
- B. Then and Now Photos - Lynne emailed commission members a website link to "then and now" photos where historical photos were strategically placed in current day locations and photos were taken to give the perspective of "then and now". Most commission members felt this was an interesting way to portray history and that it would be a fun summer time project for anyone who was interested. Before beginning on such a project, the commission would have to catalog current photos in our collection so that we know what photos are available for such a project.
- C. Photos - When scanning photos into the commission's digital collection, it will be important to add captions, preserving the historical information, the date and/or year the photo was taken if known, and photographer's name if known.
- D. 100th Anniversary Posters - We have a total of 90 posters available. One will be framed and hung in the Borough Hall. The commission will sell the others, possibly at the Spring and Fall festivals in Malvern. Posters will sell for \$10 each unframed. Discussion included framing some of the posters for sale and at what price. A price point would have to be determined after looking into the cost to frame. These posters are a limited edition.
- E. Maps - the commission discussed possibly framing and selling duplicates of maps of Malvern at the Spring festival.
- F. Sign for Festivals - In order to bring more attention to the commission's table at the Spring and Fall festival, it would be helpful to have a sign. Deb will cost out and purchase a sign for our tent/table, keeping the cost around \$50 or so.
- G. Binder needed - for Deed of Gift paperwork. Document protectors will also be needed to protect these papers, as they give the commission legal ownership of items donated to the History Center.
- H. Malvern Fire House - the old firehouse is still being renovated. There is currently no demolition ordinance in effect at this time. There was a question whether the history of the old firehouse would be preserved. Lynne mentioned that the builder contacted the commission two years ago and Lynne has seen the plans for the renovation. The builder has also asked to see historical pictures. Lynne stated that when the building is completed, there will be architectural features incorporated into the new structure.
- I. A bottle from Weavers was found on the grounds of the house on King Street that had been demolished. It was donated to the History Center.
- J. Hertzok's Garage - The roof caved in because of the snow accumulation from storms over the past month. The building is unsafe and most likely will be torn down. This is an old building and Nancy suggested we should probably try to get a picture of it before it is demolished. Tina offered to take pictures if possibly to do so safely.

- K. Photos of Building Properties - Look into taking photos this spring or fall. Photos should be taken when leaves are not on the trees to avoid obscuring the pictures of buildings.

Updates:

- A. Nancy has started her first drafts of the new book on the women in Malvern. Her drafts are hand written on paper placemats. It takes her 1-3 days to review materials available for each historical year researched. Nancy projects that it will take around 6 months to finish the first draft. Writing a book is a fluid project with many changes and edits. In addition, she has logged 44 hours since the meeting in January.

Old Business:

- A. Historic Ordinances – Lynne sent feedback back to Sandy on the Historic Ordinances. Lynne will follow up with Sandy.
- B. 125th Anniversary - there is nothing new to discuss. This item is on hold for the moment.
- C. Historic Property Inventory Files -
 - a. All files have been checked. Next step is to get the information into the computer and set a date to add missing items to the files. The spreadsheet is on a CD and needs to be moved to the hard drive.
 - b. The commission members will meet on Saturday, March 6 from 9AM to 12 noon to get organized and determine what items are needed.
 - c. Deed research will be done in the summer when time allows
- D. Nancy has added additional items to the display case surrounding the theme of women in Malvern.
- E. Historical Resources Map - descriptions have been typed into the computer. Lynne is still reviewing for details.
- F. Deb sent out letters and Incoming Receipt forms for items received in December/January. The commission reviewed the items and accepted the following into our collection:
 - a. 100 (qty) 75th Anniversary gold coins in memory of Horace Quann
 - b. Negatives and photos of Malvern and a play "Trial by Jury" donated by Kathie Brown
 - c. Photo of a girl, Painting of a lady (Flapper Era), framed photograph of the 1929 Senior Class of TEHS, and a 1929 TEHS Year Book donated by Stephanie Miller.
- G. Members present went through items for acquisition and filed items accepted.
- H. Action log has been updated and reviewed by the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins

Secretary Malvern Historic Commission