

**Malvern Historical Commission**

**Meeting September 27, 2010**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Lynne Hockenbury, Barb Leighton, Tina England, Barb Rutz

**Members Absent:** Kristen Thomas, Joan Stackhouse

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt

**The Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.**

**Approval of Minutes:** August's meeting minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

- A. Barb L. brought some dresses from Sadie Farra's house (through Lori Coyle) that were donated to the Historical Commission. They were used during the 75th Anniversary celebration. They are somewhat dirty, so Barb L. will take them to a dry cleaner to have them cleaned.

**Updates:**

From Nancy –

- a. Nancy has logged 93 hours since the last meeting. She has close to 400 pages of manuscript written, but the first draft is not yet completed.
- b. Nancy placed 25 more brochures in the rack in front of the library, and also gave some to the Tidewater Homeowner's Association meeting tonight.
- c. Through her research, Nancy has discovered that some items in the Borough's possession have come from the Monday Afternoon Club, and she felt it important to list in the minutes so that everyone will know where these items came from. The oval-shaped table, the desk, and the wooden chairs all in the open area in front of the office came from the Monday Afternoon Club. Also, the china, silver, table cloths, and other kitchen items were given by the Monday Afternoon Club to The Club of Little Gardens, when the MAC disbanded in 2003. Those items are now housed in the Borough kitchen.
- d. Additionally, the white flag in the Borough Council room is a bicentennial flag and is important to keep.
- e. Nancy handed out a copy of an old article from 1984 she found inside a book regarding the blue historical sign on King Street. The discrepancy has been going on for many years, and we still don't know where the sign really came from.
- f. Nancy also mentioned that someone called from Illinois with a question about a postmark - "Denderah, Malvern, PA 1905." Due to some of the research she has been doing for the book, and by doing much more via the internet, she suspects it is located at the intersection of Sugartown Road and Providence Road in Willistown, although it is not yet proven.
- g. Nancy gave Barb R. more names to research at Chester County Historical Society.

From Barb L - PBPF Illumination

- a. Barb L. attended the PBPF Illumination as a volunteer, and was asked to help with their book sales. She met a woman who is writing a novel, and gave her Nancy's name and suggested she come to visit the History Center. She felt it was more of a historical fiction novel, so that it would not be in conflict with Nancy's research. She noticed that some of the books for sale that evening were not the Battlefield's books, and wondered if we were volunteering for them if we could add our books to the table for sale as well. Lynne will ask about this the next time they ask for help from the Commission.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Fall Fest – Lynne will request the money for change.

Commission members will cover the day as follows:

Set Up – Deb C will sign in and get our location, bringing the money, table and other display items. Barb R will bring the tent and possibly the display cases and stands for postcards. Barb L will bring a basket for the coins. Nancy will be there at 9:30. Deb will stop by periodically to help and then will help Lynne close down. The table coverage schedule is as follows:

10 – 12 : Barb L

12 – 2 : Barb R will cover for Tina, who will be away

2 – 5 : Lynne

Barb R, Barb L, and Deb will be back between 4-4:30 to help with clean up.

- B. Historic Ordinances

- a. Lynne spoke to Karen Marshall at the County to discuss the recommendations she made on the historic ordinance provided by the Borough solicitor. Karen said that the atlas is really only what is considered a Windshield Survey, and that we should look into hiring a Preservation Planner to complete a Comprehensive Survey of the Class I and II buildings we already identified. However, if we can document how the atlas was completed, show that the buildings in Class I and II meet the test of integrity (including the age of the building, whether it has not been altered much, and how it fits into the broad patterns of local history), then we can use the atlas and begin doing some of the Comprehensive Survey on our own. She suggested that we create a list of the buildings that need to be researched, plan which ones to research each year (she recommended trying to complete at least 5-10 each year), and appoint one person on the Commission to do the research, using the basic PHMC form.

- b. Barb R agreed to be the appointed research person.

- c. Lynne will send the slightly revised ordinance and the questions that we have back to Sandy and the Borough solicitor for review.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday, October 25, 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury

Commissioner, Malvern Historic Commission