

Malvern Historic Commission

Meeting January 22, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Joan Stackhouse, Barbara Leighton

Members Absent: Betty Burke, Sofia McNellis, Kristen Thomas

Invited Guests: Nancy Schmitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Old Business:

The four projects that are currently in process were reviewed:

- A. **Historical Resources Map** – Lynne contacted Mark Matty at the Chester County Parks and Recreation Office to ask for an update on the map. Mark stated that he felt he could have it done by the end of January. Lynne will continue to check on updates.
- B. **Cataloging Historical Items** – Work dates TBD. Lynne was supposed to meet with Janice on Saturday to discuss her recommendations and get some catalogs, but Janice had to cancel the meeting due to parental illness. We will get back to this job as soon as we have more information from her.
- C. **Book** – From Nancy's records, we have determined that we have sold 232 books since they were first on sale at the beginning of December. This number does not include books sold at the Chester County Book Company or Malvern Prep, as we do not have numbers from them. Our contest information was sent out in the Borough Newsletter and we hope to get some good response from it. Nancy has also sent out press releases regarding the contest and her library talk, but we will have to wait and see if any of the newspapers print it. Nancy shared a copy of the Tredyffryn-Easttown Quarterly, where information about the book was printed. She also sent a review copy to the Pennsylvania Magazine, and is waiting to see if they will review it and do a write-up about it in the magazine. The feeling is that the more publicity out there, the better for us.

Most pressingly, Nancy is in need of help for her library talk, which will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7pm (with a snow date of Wednesday, February 7). We need as many members and/or helpers as we can get to video her talk, sell books and maps, answer questions, and keep watch over display items. Lynne, Joan, and Barbara will definitely attend, and Lynne's friend Sali Cosford will help as well.

- D. **Front Room** – We are waiting for delivery of filing cabinets and our display case before we can put anything away. The cabinets will hopefully be delivered within the next week, and the display case is scheduled for delivery in March.
- E. **Budget** – Our budget was approved for \$2250.
- F. **Historic Property Inventory Files** – We need volunteers to do this and are looking at Girl or Boy Scouts, high school students with community service requirements, retired

persons, etc. Lynne will try to get Great Valley High School to add this to their list of volunteer positions that is given to the students.

New Business:

- A. Historic Ordinances – This is a high priority. Lynne, Barbara, and Nancy attended a Planning Commission meeting last week and heard a discussion from Michel Lefevre from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg, regarding the decision that will need to be made as to whether the Borough adopts Historic Ordinances or applies for an Historic District. The Historic Commission will need to work quickly to get some recommendations to the Planning Commission due to upcoming demolition and construction.

Updates:

- A. Computer for History Center – Ed Tiernan located his old computer from the Borough Office and gave it to us to use in the History Center. It has the basics that we need for anything that we might want to use it for. Lynne donated a printer as well. Also, the library has wireless internet access that we can use. Lynne has an extra antenna that she will donate as soon as it can be determined how we can be secure once we are open to the internet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury
Co-Chair Malvern Historic Commission