

Malvern Historical Commission
Minutes
August 8, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Lynne Hockenbury, chair
Barbara Rutz, vice chair
Catherine Raymond, treasurer
Kelly Schmitt, secretary
Helen McDonnell, member ABSENT
Zeyn Uzman, member
VACANT, member

Lynne called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

I. Opening Remarks

Tonight was the bench dedication for former Malvern Fire Company Chief Paul Wilkins, attended by Zeyn and Lynne. Photos are forthcoming once Shutterfly has a special on prints. One photo was posted to Facebook already.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approve Minutes

Zeyn motioned, Barbara Rutz seconded. Passed. Cathy abstains; she was absent from that meeting. However, she does state that her financial report, submitted by paper, was correctly reported at that meeting.

IV. Reports

- A. Financial report - dispensing with, since Cathy submitted a report last meeting; no new updates to the accounts. Cathy will do a double report at the first meeting in September.
- B. Preservation Awards Committee (Barbara, Zeyn, Helen)
 - a. 5 plaques are in the History Center; 1 will need to come from storage for the 6 awardees.
 - b. Letter template for the winners needs to get to Kelly from Zeyn.
 - c. Lynne will get the names and addresses from Borough Hall on 8/9/2017.
 - d. We are confirmed on the schedule for the 2nd Borough Council meeting in Sept, on 9/19/2017.

C. Publications Committee (Kelly, Cathy)

- a. We have 816 likes on FB as of 7:25pm, when Kelly checked.
- b. Cathy is working on the fall InGV article, with the 6 preservation awardee buildings.
- c. Barb suggests that Cathy's InGV article should include a note about nominating both Historic Ordinance and Preservation Award buildings.

D. Display Committee (Lynne, Barbara, Kelly)

- a. Malvern, England items on display for the time being.
- b. Lynne notes that she and Cora Weaver from Malverns Worldwide are still in positive contact with each other.

E. Malvern.org email report

- a. Kelly reports that we received an email yesterday, looking for information about the burial records at Malvern Baptist. Unless things have changed drastically in the last year, neither the HC nor the church have records. The emailer, Eleanor Miller, was looking for three Rost children: Eleanor (primarily), Edward, and Edna, all deceased and buried in that late 1920s and early 1930s. Lynne and Kelly walked much of the graveyard last night, and then looked through the HC files for any info on the family. Simultaneously, Barb searched online, and was able to find that the Rosts lived in East Whiteland, and neither parent was buried at Malvern Baptist. Lynne replied to Eleanor Miller that we could not find any further information, but suggested she contact Malvern Baptist, the East Whiteland Historical Commission, Mauger-Givnish (who, as either Frank Mauger or Passmore/Mauger attended the children's deaths), of the Chester County Historical Society, and provided Ms. Miller with contact information for all four. Ms. Miller responded excitedly for the new leads.
- b. Side note: Lynne found out from Fran Givnish (at the bench dedication) that Mauger-Givnish does not have records prior to 1931.

V. New Business

A. Interview Applicants: Danny Fruchter and Barbara Stergiades

Questions underlined; responses immediately following each. Quotes are as exact as possible.

Mr. Fruchter

How did you become interested in joining the HC? "I am appalled that dogs are being welcomed by four members of the HC as this is an historical building." [For clarity, to explain this initial statement, this is regarding the proposed Malvern Community Arts Project's plan to install

four pop-art painted dog statues behind Malvern's Borough Hall, a project for which Borough Council has not asked the HC to comment on.]

Are you away for significant periods during the year that would make you miss meetings? "Away from the area twice a year. Mid Oct-mid Nov; Mid-March-mid April."

Interested in adding members to the Tier 3 list. "While I can be anti-persuasive talking to some people about some things, I can be very persuasive to other people about other things."
Do you know how to get someone onto Tier 3? "Yes." References Our Town (1989/Centennial era), and learning about the then-historical buildings from Bob Goshorn of the CCHS.

Notes Malvernites like living among historic buildings and the rich history.

If you could pick one project to work on in the next five years as a member of the HC, what would that be? Wants to take the broadest possible look as who we (Malvern) are, where we've come from, and what we become, and how to bring people into an awareness of who and what Malvern is.

Does not use Facebook.

Would you be able to man tables and interact with festival attendees at Malvern Blooms and similar? "I love iconic stuff." Suggests an "Ask an historian" sign.

Mr. Fruchter left at the end of his interview.

Mrs. Stergiades

How did you become interested in joining the HC? Has lived in 9 states. "I got here 5 years ago, and I am home." Notices how many people love their homes and return after they've moved away. Reads the MHC books for fun.

Are you away for significant periods during the year that would make you miss meetings? Stated there are other commitments, but that she will make the time.

"We need balance to having progression and preservation." Wants to focus on this balance in the next 5 years.

Is there a particular building in Malvern that you like, or could you pick one that you like and why? Likes National Bank of Malvern and knows its history as a potential apartment building if it failed.

VI. Old Business

A. Thursday's Town Tour and Walk event - invited guest Jim Christ (Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund) presents

- a. Tour is set from 5:30-7:30 on Thursday, 8/10/2017. Wants presenters there by 5 (but earlier is fine, too).

- b. There are eight stations. Jim will begin with a welcome, then attendees will move on to learn about the battle, Malvern (Willistown) before the battle (farmland), the British soldier's perspective, the Continental soldier's perspective (with firing demo of a rifle), how Malvern was formed (this is our part of the evening), the monuments at the battlefield (this is the Paoli Memorial Association's part), and then an update on the NHL status.
 - c. Kelly will present for the HC; Lynne and Barb can bring a table to sell wares, and will help out with registration and admin stuff for the PBPF.
- B. DCCC (Delaware County Community College) continuing education class
- a. Titled Preserving Memories in the Digital World, 10/7, 9am-1pm
 - b. Lynne, Barb, Kelly, and Cathy will all attend. Kelly to get information on how to sign up to Lynne.

VII. Adjournment

Kelly motions to adjourn; Zeyn seconds, at 8:32pm.

Next meeting: August 22, 2017