

Malvern Historical Commission
Minutes
June 9, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Lynne Frederick, chair
Barbara Rutz, vice chair
Catherine Raymond, treasurer
Kelly Schmitt, secretary
Barbara Stergiades, member ABSENT
Zeyn Uzman, member ABSENT
Ian Duncan, member

Lynne called the meeting to order around 7:40pm

- I. Opening Remarks
 - A. This meeting is being held on ZOOM. Cathy is on the phone. The rest are by video.
- II. Public Comment
 - A. No public to comment.
- III. Approve Minutes
 - A. Cathy motions to approve the minutes from our last meeting in February 2020, Lynne seconds. Motion passes.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Financial Report - see attached
 1. Ian moves to approve, Kel seconds. Motion passes.
 - B. Electronic Communication Report
 1. Malvern Public Library question about photos for social media on Facebook of the current and old libraries.
 - a) Lynne suggests we watermark all the photos we post on Facebook from here forward, but also do so for the Library's request.
 - b) We will discuss this at a later time - Lynne will ask Chris Bashore for the photo policy that was written by the former borough solicitor.
 2. Yahoo.com - all junk emails
 3. Malvern.org email
 - a) State emails on various properties - none in the borough.
 - b) Maggie Stanton's email about items to give to the commission; Kel picked those up before everything shut down for the pandemic.
 - c) East Whiteland resident asking about her house - Kel advised her to reach out to the EWHC.

- d) Gwynne Walker sent photos about the pit found in their backyard. We assumed it was a well, cistern, or a pit for an outhouse. Carroll Sinquett (Planning Commission) thinks it might be an Ellis cistern and asked which way their sewer lines run (which turns out matches the way they would have run for a cistern). The address is 205 Woodland. Lynne will reach out to see if we can go visit the property.
- e) Denise Hubley's email regarding about a town barber. We have let her know that we will look into it once we are able to get into the Borough building.
- 4. Facebook numbers
 - a) 1173 likes, 1246 followers
- 5. Instagram
 - a) 274 likes

V. Old Business

A. Preservation Awards - discussion ensues on the nominees

1. There are eight available plaques per our minutes from October 8, 2019.
2. We will award winners in 2020, regardless if we can award them in person.
3. Kel remembers to cull photos of the winners for whatever presentation we have for the award winners. He will work on compiling photos once we've chosen awardees.
4. Should we ask recipients if they want the award in the letters sent out, inviting them to receive it? Basically: "We would like to award you; would you like to receive it?" - Lynne will ask Chris about the letter's text so we can adjust it. Letter to be sent after the Green phase of the pandemic and we can meet in public.
5. We should craft a letter to those who have their awards but they are not displayed. We will, like the other letters, ask Chris to send it out. Lynne will get the original letter and Cathy will do the adjusting. We will send these letters when the letter is available as the recipients might want to display their plaques while we are all at home.
6. We should craft a letter for those who haven't picked up their awards. We will, like the other letters, ask Chris to send. Lynne will get the original letter and Cathy will do the adjusting. Letter to be sent after the Green phase of the pandemic.
7. Letters should include "why we give out these awards," both old and new. Barb will write and get the text to Cathy to add to the letters.
8. Kel will circulate a list of the eight 2020 awardees to the commissioners.

VI. New Business

- A. Malvern Pizza mural - discussion on the African-American cab driver in this mural. Given the current climate of supporting BIPOC, Cathy will draft this Facebook post and share it with the commission for approval prior to posting.

The driver is representative of Amos Trowery, a black landowner and businessman, contemporary to David Evans.

- B. Next meeting discussion will be our last regularly-scheduled meeting in July. The next 2 meetings will be canceled.
- VII. Adjournment
- A. Kel motions to adjourn at 10:05pm. Ian seconds. Motion carries.

Next Meeting: July 28th

Respectfully submitted,
Kel Schmitt
Secretary

**MALVERN HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 2020 (revised)***

BANK ACCOUNT--National Bank of Malvern:

Balance as of March 10, 2020:	\$4,941.23
Interest (paid March 21, 2020):	\$ 1.82
Interest (paid April 21, 2020):	\$ 1.05
Interest (paid May 21, 2020):	+ \$ <u>1.01</u>

TOTAL as of June 9, 2020: **\$4,945.11**

BOROUGH BUDGET CONTRIBUTION

--(value as of March 10, 2020): **\$1,595.51**

DEBITS since last Financial Report: **none**

Unused portion of Borough Budget Contribution
as of June 9, 2020 (53.2% of \$3,000.00 unused). + **\$1,595.51**

**TOTAL PURCHASING POWER as of June 9, 2020:
(both accounts total).** **\$6,540.62**

* There were no Financial Reports prepared for April and May 2020 due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The June 2020 Financial Report was prepared without the benefit of an updated copy of the Borough Budget Account for the Commission and thus reports an erroneous total. This report corrects that error.