

**Malvern Historical Commission  
Meeting October 28, 2013  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Deb Collins, Lynne Hockenbury, Barb Leighton, Kurt Leininger, Barbara Rutz, Joan Stackhouse

**Members Absent:** Christian Arena

**Guests Present:** Pat Marcozzi, Helen McDonnell, Arleen & Martin McElroy

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm**

**I. Opening Remarks.** All members and non-members present introduced themselves. Deb C. handed over minute-taking duties to Kurt L., because she will be moving out of the Borough.

**II. Approval of Minutes.** September 2013 minutes were approved, as amended.

**III. Financial Report.** Balance in the savings account remains at over \$3,200 (per the August 2013 statement). Approximately \$2,200 of annual budget funds remains to be spent this year. (Refer to Old Business - "Spending Budget" below.)

**IV. Old Business.**

**Historical Ordinance:** Need to meet with Tom this week if he is available.

**Preservation Awards:** To have final award "candidates" available for the April 2014 Borough newsletter, we will need to develop the award criteria by our January MHC meeting. We can refer to West Chester Borough and Whiteland Township for examples, and Deb made a quick internet search for "stewardship awards historic preservation" and found some hits. Each MHC member can follow through and discuss possible criteria at future meetings. These could include more than 50 years old (pre-WWII), extent to which the owner has "taken care of their property and made the effort to preserve the integrity of the fabric of the town" (as stated in the last minutes), etc.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary events need to be linked to our proposed historical ordinance, and to preservation awards. The MHC members felt that preservation/ stewardship awards should be presented at a semi-formal event such as a Council meeting, and not a casual "fest".

At a Borough Council meeting last month, Mayor McGlone and Councilman Uzman had offered to meet with some MHC members and decide what Borough events would be sponsored by the MHC. Could the MHC host a special award ceremony, or should we rely on the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and Paoli Memorial Association's event in September for this?

Lynne announced that the town tour date is scheduled for August 7, 2014.

**Summer Intern for 2014:** The MHC will need to identify tasks and expected work hours for the summer intern. Our intern previously worked for East Whiteland and will be valuable to our organization. We should plan for effective use of her short time with us.

**Spending Budget:** Alternatives discussed for spending the remaining annual budget were the “Past Perfect” software, multimedia upgrades, additional display cabinets, and similar items. After discussion of various costs for the “Past Perfect” system, it was decided to purchase the basic software which is compatible with “Open Office” on our laptop, and can interact with our other files. The approximate cost for the initial “Past Perfect” package is about \$870, and upgrades can be added for an additional \$250 to \$400 each. Barb L. offered to investigate these upgrade options, and Helen M. offered to help demonstrate the program.

## **V. New Business.**

**Victorian Christmas Display:** The MHC has been invited by Jim Fooskas to have a display at the National Bank of Malvern, for the December 6<sup>th</sup> Victorian Christmas weekend and through the end of the year. We need to set it up about one week in advance, by Thanksgiving weekend.

**“TOYS” sign from Gables:** Martin McElroy (who lives in East Whiteland with Arleen) offered to donate a large sign he rescued from the Gables property. He can it bring over to our Borough collection room. Kurt L. offered to meet him and find a spot in the History Center to store the sign. Martin will call to arrange the day and time.

**“Catalog of Local Characters”:** Martin and Arleen also discussed their memories of “old-timers” in the Borough, and suggested we prepare a catalog for possible publication in a local tabloid (Daily Local?). Possible names mentioned were Calvin Wright (former postmaster), Art Gable, and Jack Blackburn. They offered to meet with a few of us in the near future, to share memories and take good notes.

**Meeting Dates for 2014:** The regularly scheduled meeting dates, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month unless otherwise noted, are as follows for 2014:

Jan 27  
Feb 24  
Mar 24  
Apr 28  
May 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, since Memorial Day is the 4th)  
Jun 23  
Jul 28  
Aug 25  
Sep 22  
Oct 27  
Nov 24

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. Next meeting is November 25, 2013

Respectfully submitted by:

Kurt Leininger

Secretary, Malvern Historical Society  
(replacing Deb Collins who is moving out of the Borough)