

**Malvern Historical Commission**

**Meeting January 23, 2012**

**Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Tina England

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt

**The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for November 2011 were approved.

**Financial Report:** As of Dec. 31, 2011, \$4011.00 was paid to the Malvern Borough from the savings account. MHC currently owes \$1,126 to the Borough for the printing of the book, *Malvern Treasures*.

Balance in savings account: \$150.45

Budget balance: \$874.00

Chester County Historical Society paid their outstanding balance for book purchases in full.

Received \$10.00 donation from Cathy Kaufman. She was interested in a CD of her grandfather's interview. MHC charged her \$5 deposit/CD to borrow two CDs.

**New Business:**

- A. **Keeping Track of *Malvern Treasures* Book Sales:** Lynne brought up a concern about how to track sales of the book so we know when Nancy is to be paid. Nancy stated that she currently has one box containing 22 books at home. After a discussion it was decided that Nancy will be paid after 345 books are sold. We now need to know how many books have been sold so far.
- B. ***Century in Malvern:*** This book is falling apart. The binding is becoming unglued and pages are falling out. Nancy offered to talk to the printer to see if they have suggestions for what to do about the binding or why it might be happening.

- C. **Mural:** Kristin Thomas suggested a mural painting somewhere in the borough and wondered what role the Malvern Historical Commission would have. The commission members determined that the Malvern Historical Commission could be a resource of historical information and photos for this project.
- D. **Nancy Schmitt's Comments:** Nancy reminded the commission that the Borough changed their mailing address. Members reviewed that address changes would need to be made on the online book order form. Nancy shared a news article titled "Historians Remember Paoli." She is also working on a literary piece containing anecdotal stories about local businessmen and Quaker meetings. Nancy is almost done with her clipping collection for the Borough Council. She is in the 1970's now.
- E. **Photos and Donation:** Barb L. brought in photos of Malvern Prep. Gables has been sold and she took some photos of the Gables business building. The greenhouse could not be photographed inside because it is unsafe. Art Gable donated RSVP's from 1929.

### **Old Business:**

- A. **Photos:** Snapfish is running a special: photographs for \$0.01 each. Barb R. will get some printed in both black and white as well as color.
- B. **Historical Ordinances:** Lynne and Barb R. attended a meeting with the Planning Commission in December. Woody from Borough Council was in attendance. Tom suggested the idea of a historic area.

A suggestion was made at the meeting to hold a public meeting to share the historic ordinance plan. Since Tom is a subject matter expert in this area, he may run the public meeting. Barb L suggested that local realtors should come to the public meeting as well as the residents.

It was brought up by the commission and Tom that there is a section, an original part of town, which is important to the fabric of Malvern. Lynne found surveys from 5 years ago that were taken at the polling center. 58% strongly agreed to preserve Malvern.

Tom has traced over a large map of the Borough with those properties identified as 1's and 2's. Any house built before December 31, 1939 was identified as a 2. (After the war, houses were mass-produced.)

The Planning Commission wanted to know what the MHC would be willing to "fight" for. Which properties have historical value and which have architectural features.

The process for a historic ordinance in the borough of Malvern has been in process for 25 years and has yet to be approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 27 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins  
Secretary, Malvern Historical Commission