

## Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting January 28, 2013

### Minutes

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

**Members Absent:** Joan Stackhouse

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt, Tom Scofield, Steve Ulmer

**The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** November 2012 minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** Lynne purchased a laptop for the Historical Commission, replacing the old computer. Deb Collins will set it up. No other financial information was available.

### **Old Business:**

- A) Historic Ordinance Update:** Tom will be drafting up a revision. The Malvern Borough is looking at a grant to possibly pay for Tom's consultation. Tom recommended that the sub-committee be brought back together to go through the revision.
- B) Membership Approval:** Barb Rutz and Lynne Hockenbury's membership commission has been approved. Their terms will expire January 1, 2018.
- C) Books:** Cafe Craze returned 6 books. They had only sold 3. They are not interested in any more. Barb Rutz will update the list of vendors who have the books to sell and bring it to February's meeting.

### **New Business:**

- A) Town Tour 2014:** Lynne Hockenbury will head up this project. The tour is scheduled for summer 2014. The Paoli Battlefield group want to join us. Lynne shared some thoughts on this tour. She suggested three major stops and some kind of transportation for tourists. Hayrides, buggy rides and trolley rides were suggested. Suggestions also included using David Evan's journal as a guide to determining highlights during the tour.
- B) Battle of the Clouds Meeting:** Tom Scofield represented Malvern at this meeting. Chester County representatives wanted to know what resources Malvern has related to the American Revolution. Besides the Paoli Battlefield, there are two houses that are from that time period.
- C) 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration:**
  1. Games of the Era – Barb L. will contact Malvern Parks & Rec, local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the women of Malvern Fire Department and other entities to build a steering committee. This committee will meet at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Historical Commission meeting at 7pm.
  2. Nancy suggested the reading of anecdotal minutes by a Historical Commission member at board meetings as a way to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup>.

3. New material could be added to the website.
4. Other activities/ideas – a barbershop quartet, picnic with a “bring your own desert”, a Victorian melodrama, displays each month in the history center (12 total) and open the center one Saturday a month.

**D) Nancy's Report:**

1. Nancy shared Jane Davidson's obituary, an article from the Daily Local about history, a “Blast from the Past” article using QR Codes to connect old photos with real streetscapes in West Chester, Lydia Evans Highley Willits' obituary, an article on demolition plans for an old barn in Easttown, William Genn's obituary, and an article on the Paoli Battlefield site discussing the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund group who hopes to secure the battlefield as a National Historic Landmark.
2. The William Penn Evans piece is not done. Nancy is reconciling the differences between records and the Highley book.
3. Photos mis-labeled- Nancy brought four photos found in a wrong file that were mis-labeled in a property file. Lynne fixed them.
4. Promotion of books – Nancy suggested several ways to promote the books on Malvern's history.
  - a) Short video bits placed on YouTube
  - b) A new flyer indicating “limited editions” before the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “rush”
  - c) Hosting a talk and using visual aid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Next meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Deb Collins  
Secretary