

**Malvern Historical Commission**

**Meeting October 22, 2012**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Barb Rutz, Lynne Hockenbury, Joan Stackhouse

**Members Absent:** Deb Collins, Barbara Leighton

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt, Tom Schofield (Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund), Sid Baglini

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** There were no minutes from the last meeting to approve. September and October minutes will be approved at the November meeting.

**Financial Report:** There was no financial report this month.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Historic Ordinance Update:** Lynne shared that there will be a public meeting regarding the Historic Ordinance held during the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:30. The meeting will be at the Borough Hall, unless too many people wish to attend, and then it will be moved, most likely to the First Baptist Church. The Borough will update if a move is warranted. The meeting is NOT an official public meeting, but rather an information sharing and gathering session in order for Borough Council to determine whether we should continue with it or not. There will be a mailing sent out to the sub-committee's larger area. Tom thought it might be beneficial for it to go to the entire Borough, and Lynne will check into what the cost difference is for the Borough. Lynne asked that everyone who can be there do so to show support.
- B. **Paoli United Methodist Church women's group tour on 11/6:** The approximately 10 women in this group are interested in a brief history of the Borough and at looking at some of the Historical Commission's artifacts. The tour is scheduled for 10:30-11:30am on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Barb R. lead it. Lynne will secure the small conference room for that morning so that they will have enough space for everyone.
- C. **Spending the balance of the budget:** There was farther discussion on the possibility of purchasing a computer with the balance of the budget for this year. The desktop is large and bulky and is not working well. A laptop that could be moved into one of the conference rooms and used in conjunction with the slide projector is recommended.

Additionally, a new printer might be helpful as well. Lynne will look into both of these as the holiday season sales begin next month.

### **New Business:**

- A. First Baptist Church update:** Lynne and 3 women from the First Baptist Church of Malvern attended the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, where the women spoke briefly about the long-standing history of the church, and presented the Borough with a copy of a notebook which was used to obtain County Historic Certification for the building and the organization. Lynne requested that the notebook come to the Commission after the Council had a chance to look it over. Also, the ladies were concerned that the postcards which the church had sent out announcing a new service offered on Sunday mornings suggested that they had merged with another denomination. That is not the case, the new group is only renting space in the building.
- B. Victorian Christmas celebration:** Nancy noted that Jim Fooskas agreed to allow the Commission to set up a table at the National Bank of Malvern during the Victorian Christmas event on Friday, December 7, 2012, again this year. Lynne will confirm with Barbara Shipp and also try to get some information into the brochure. Those in attendance estimated the time commitment to be from about 6-8:30pm that evening. A schedule for manning the table will be discussed at the next meeting.
- C. Nancy Schmitt's Comments:**
- a. Clippings of note from the past month: Nancy noted that Rob Lukins, President of Chester County Historical Society, wrote an article that was published in the Daily Local about General Anthony Wayne. Lukins had been a reporter in the past, and she was pleased to see that he was still writing. Also of note were obituaries of Patricia Ann Hughes of Paoli, who had been a member of the Malvern Junior Women's Club, and Edna Dorothy Heller of Malvern, who used to live on Longford Avenue in the west side of David Evans' house and belonged to the Presbyterian Church when it was located on Monument Avenue and was also active in the Malvern Fire Company Auxillary. There was an article regarding the Development Meeting hosted by the Borough, and also an article in the Paoli Post about the restoration of the old saddler's cottage on Old Lincoln Highway.
- b. Nancy attended the memorial for Joshua Hibbard which was held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 on the Park and Civic owned side of the Memorial Grounds in the pavilion. She noted that there were multiple displays which included about 40-50 scrapbooks that Mr. Hibbard kept. 4 of those scrapbooks were donated to the Historical Commission, and attendees were encouraged to take items from the rest if they so

desired. There were probably about 130 people in attendance, and there were also some presentations by some notable people. Don Fraatz, former teacher and principal in the Great Valley School District, served as the master of ceremonies. Speakers included Dr. Dale Tyson, the first superintendent of Great Valley School District; William Satterfield, who had served on the Malvern Board of Education; Chet Darlington, local justice of the peace, long-time resident of Malvern, and a father of students who were impacted by Mr. Hibbard; Frank Ortner, a father of three boys who attended the Malvern School; Helen Behler, a friend for over 40 years; and Jim Gemmel, a former student of the Malvern School who painted the picture of Mr. Hibbard which hangs in the Council meeting room.

c. Nancy is starting to do research on the William Penn Evans Flour Mill and Platinum Works.

**D. PBPF events:** Tom mentioned that the talks at the General Warren are going well. The first one is done, and others have reservations already. They are scheduled through April on the PBPF website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 26 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury  
Malvern Historical Commission