

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting February 25, 2013

Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Tom Scofield, Steve Ulmer, Syd Baglini, Pat Marcosi, Kurt Leininger

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Approval of Minutes: January 2013 minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report:

Budget for 2013: \$2225

Spending: Membership fee \$125 to the Chester County Historical Society

Savings Acct: \$1983.26 – includes \$1000 donation, sales from Victorian Christmas

Old Business:

- A) Mural:** Two murals are being planned. One will be placed on the side of Malvern Pizza's building and the other will be on the back of Gallagher's Auto Repair. There are two artists, each with a different style: Carrie Kingsbury and Dennis Goldsboro. Kingsbury's style is more historic while Goldsboro's style is more patriotic. A rough sketch of the single scene will be presented to the public for online voting.

New Business:

- A) Channing Avenue Group:** Three residents who live on Channing Avenue spoke regarding the Gables' property. A developer is currently planning on building 5 houses on this property. The residents have a concern that this plan will compromise the character of the neighborhood. The builder was asked to present a plan with 4 houses. The houses being planned will be approximately 3600 square feet and two stories tall. The current ordinance allows for 5 houses. The planning commission is waiting for studies. Driveways are planned to go onto Second Avenue. Waivers to the safety ordinances that are needed for the planned driveways may jeopardize the safety on Second Avenue. The residents came to the Malvern Historical Commission meeting asking that a representative be present at the next planning commission meeting on the 7th of March and wondered what can be done to preserve the character of Malvern. The residents and the commission were clear that the concern is for "over-development" of the town, and their opinions are not to be seen as "anti-development". The minimum lot size has been changed in the ordinance and the Channing

residents wanted the commission to be aware of the developments.

- B) **Facebook Page for the Malvern Historical Commission:** A Facebook page has been created by Malvern resident, Kristin Thomas. The Malvern Historical Commission members will be administrators of this page. Information regarding upcoming meetings and other interesting historical facts will be posted on this page as well as information on the upcoming 125th celebration. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Malvern-Historical-Commission/342446979188585>
- C) **125th Celebration:**
1. Lynne has the David Evans notebooks for the tour. She researched information on trolleys noting that there are no prices listed on websites. This could indicate that renting trolleys could prove expensive. Lynne will call for prices and have the information at the April meeting.
 2. Focus Group meeting in April – Barb L. heard back from the library. They are very interested in participating. Barb asked for phone numbers of others who she had contacted via email hoping an outreach call would be more productive than email.
- D) **Nancy's Report:** Nancy presented information from newspaper clippings:
- a) Robert A. Vaughn Jr.'s obituary – Mr. Vaughn had been a member of the Malvern Historical Commission as well as a life member of the Malvern Fire Company.
 - b) An article about Malvern Police Chief, Mark Ercole, stepping down.
 - c) An article titled "Historic buildings: Fighting change, the sands of time". This article mentioned three sites that had been in the national register and have since been removed. This article states that just because a site is on the national register, it is not necessarily protected forever.
 - d) An article about the Hibberd's estate sale. Mr. Hibberd was a teacher and principal for 28 years at Malvern Elementary School.
- E) **Tom's Report:**
1. Historical Ordinance – Tom is close to a draft. This draft focuses primarily on demolition. There will be a sub-committee meeting on Thursday, February 28.
 2. Tom attended the Paoli Battlefield Group meeting. Clean up day this spring will be done by the Scouts. Grand Illumination is back on track. There was a paranormal discussion and this was well attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next meeting: March 25th at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Deb Collins
Secretary