

## Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting May 21, 2012

### Minutes

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

**Members Absent:** Barb Leighton, Joan Stackhouse

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt

**The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 2012 meeting were approved. The minutes for April were not available at the time of the meeting.

**Membership:** The Historical Commission has two openings: one term until Jan. 1, 2016 and one term until Jan. 1, 2017.

**Financial Report:** Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. **Malvern Blooms:** Sold items totaling \$101.00. Lost one Malvern Items book. The members feel that perhaps the signing is misleading and someone thought the book was free. New signs are needed explaining cost of items.
- B. **Historical Ordinance Public Information Session 2:** 7 residents attended the meeting. There were several concerns similar to the concerns from the first meeting:
  - a. What is the resale in an area that has a historic ordinance? Studies show that resale does not suffer; people prefer to live in quaint areas.
  - b. What is the climate of the borough regarding this ordinance? If the residents are for this ordinance, than the borough council is for the ordinance.
  - c. Is there a proposal for demolition due to neglect? Nothing now, but the Malvern Historical Commission would like to see this. The borough can already condemn a building
  - d. What about Malvern Prep? It is outside the identified district.
- C. **Cookbook for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Barb R. had information on a printer for such a book. If the borough is interested, they can pay to have one created. The printer is Seaber

Turner & Associates in Blandon, PA. As a rule of thumb, one needs to multiply the cost to print the book by 5 to determine a sales price.

**D. Nancy Schmitt's Comments:**

- a. Nancy has more information from Fisher's including a biography of a family member. Nancy asked Mr. Fisher for more biographical information.
- b. According to a 1912 map of Malvern, Thomas Fisher lived in the Isaac Hall house.
- c. Paoli Post – a local paper had information on the Malvern Blooms Festival. This publication is monthly. Items for this publication need to be in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and published on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Nancy is putting together a timeline of Hires, starting in 1899 producing condensed milk and later root beer. The building in Malvern was the largest enclosed building in Chester County at the time. Hires produced 20,000 – 40,000 quarts of condensed milk per day, year round. Root beer production started in 1900 and was seasonal (spring and summer). In 1904, Hires moved the root beer production to North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. Condensed milk production decreased after WW1. Nestle Candy Company purchased the Hires building sometime after WW1. It was vacant in 1925 and demolition started in 1935, completed in 1939.

**New Business:**

- A. **Memorial Day Parade:** Will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Malvern Historical Commission does not want to have a booth this year.
- B. **Signs Needed for Additional Sale Items:** Lynne will purchase
- C. **Country Lines, March 2012:** mentioned West Chester's first Historic Preservation Awards. If anyone is interested in knowing more about these rewards, information can be found in this magazine.
- D. **Picture in Meeting Room:** The picture of Mr. Hibbards in the meeting room has slid off the back. The borough would like to know if the commission will fix this. The commission members determined that this is a borough responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 25 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins  
Secretary, Malvern Historical Commission