

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting June 25, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Deb Collins, Barb Rutz, Barb Leighton

Members Absent: Joan Stackhouse, Lynne Hockenbury

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Richard Kephart

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the April and May 2012 meeting were approved with corrections.

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

Financial Report: MHC currently has \$537.88 in the savings account, plus \$100.50 in cash from Malvern Blooms which totals \$638.38. There is \$200 in cash for change at the booths. Our Borough budget states that there is \$1865.07 left for the year, however, the \$1126 that is owed for Malvern Treasures has not been moved. So, officially, there is \$739.07 left to spend this year. So far, the commission has spent \$134.93 on film and developing costs and eBay purchases. Mary Lou said that she was told not to move the money for Malvern Treasures since it is really all still in the same account. The MHC has to keep track and make sure not to spend that money.

Old Business:

- A. **Cookbooks:** Barb R. brought in samples of cookbooks printed by Seaber Turner and Associates. A cloth bound cookbook could be printed for \$9/book. A soft bound 6x9 could be printed for \$3.40/book. They also print smaller booklets, and calendars. Any photos for books need to be scanned at a high resolution and saved as .TIFF files. Any text should be submitted in .doc format.

Nancy mentioned that another resource for production of cookbooks is women's magazines.

- 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. **Richard Kephart:** Mr. Kephart asked who comes to see the History Center and how does the MHC promote that we have items in the center?

Nancy responded that we are hoping to hold a PPT presentation in the fall on local businesses. She also mentioned that the MHC is present at the major festivals and have an open door policy for history center visits. Barb L. added that we also advertise in the Borough newsletter, the Borough website and on the Malvern Patch.

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

- a. A donation was made of two child-sized little league shirts. There are local businesses on the back. Nancy hung them in the History Center.
- b. Nancy wrote to Mike Fisher for additional family information, asking about advice given from fathers to sons and information on an uncle who was in the theatre and decided not to get involved in the family business.
- c. Nancy worked some more on the history of Hires. She is up to WW1, has 14 typed pages. William Penn Evans had a flour mill on the corner of Bridge Street and King Street. One of those buildings was altered for Hires. Hires bought the property for \$6500. Nancy is collecting clippings for possible pictures to add to a PPT presentation.
- d. Nancy logged 6 months of property transfers on 4x6 file cards. They are in a file card box.
- e. Nancy created a list of illustrations for *A Century in Malvern*.
- f. Nancy cut 6 months of Malvern clippings from the Daily Local.

- g. Nancy is working on a chronological index of obituaries since 2005. These are on file cards. She found it interesting how close in time most husbands and wives died.
- h. Nancy is putting together a notebook for basic research to include tools like indexes, lists of illustrations and other types of tools.

New Business:

- A. **Work Day:** The commission members talked about scheduling a work day to clean up the History Center. Nancy mentioned that she would like to be there, as there are things that probably should be thrown away. The commission members stated that the purpose of the work day is to file items away, not throw anything out. Dates were discussed. Deb C is not available during the month of July. Barb L. will email Lynne to confirm dates for available members to meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 23 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins
Secretary, Malvern Historical Commission