

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting August 27, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Barb Rutz, Barb Leighton, Lynne Hockenbury

Members Absent: Joan Stackhouse, Deb Collins

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Jim Christ (Vice President, Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the July 2012 meeting were approved with one correction.

Financial Report: Savings balance: \$740.38, and there is \$20 cash waiting to go in (from Kohlermans purchasing post cards). There is about \$600 left to spend in the Borough budget.

Old Business:

- A. **Historic Ordinance Update:** Lynne and Barb R. shared that the HC/PC group working on the ordinance met to discuss the most recent draft. There were some questions from the small group about items that may have been forgotten, and comments about items that should be removed from the ordinance. The group is planning to meet again in September but a date had not yet been set. The ordinance had been brought up at a Borough Council meeting in August, but could not fully be discussed as to the specifics as there was no draft at the time.

New Business:

- A. **Nancy Schmitt's Comments:**
 - a. Nancy mentioned that she found that the Eli Kahn building will be called "Eastside Flats" according to Bozzuto's (the builder) website.
 - b. Nancy received another note from a member of the Fisher family, which resulted in 2 more pages for her article. The article is now up to 30 pages.
 - c. Nancy stated that the Hires article is almost done, needing only citations to complete it.

- d. Nancy has been looking through the Evans' files to start another article. There is not as much material as there was for Fisher and Hires, so this one will be shorter.
 - e. Nancy discussed possibilities as to what to do with these shorter pieces once they are finished. The Commission feels that she should not be "giving" her work away, but also noted that there is not enough money to publish another book currently. A suggestion was made to see if perhaps a more cheaply bound booklet could be made at FedEx.
 - f. Nancy suggested that we ask Tom about carrying the books in his store, The Eclectic Market.
- B. **Battlefield Dig:** Lynne talked about the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's (PBPF) archaeological dig that took place in August as she volunteered for one of the days. The hope was to find some sort of evidence that the battle affected the people living at the house which used to be located off Warren Avenue. The day Lynne was there, there were numerous nails found, as well as a piece of a metal strap, and a shaft of a pipe, which was believed to have been from the 1800's rather than the 1700's. Jim Christ noted that not much else other than nails had been found during the dig. The PBPF hopes to have another one next spring or summer.
- C. **Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF) events:** Lynne mentioned that the PBPF has a list of upcoming lectures on their website, which will be held at the General Warren Inn. Jim noted that these lectures, which are held generally each month, will cost \$40 to attend, which will also include dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. The first lecture is on September 17 and will feature John Nagy, the president of the Philadelphia Revolutionary War Roundtable, speaking on "Spies in the Continental Capital." This is a large fundraiser for the PBPF each year. Jim also mentioned that the PBPF will be at the Willistown Nature Preserve on September 8 if the Historical Commission would like to put something out on their table. He mentioned that there is current work going on to get National Landmark Status for the Battlefield. Nancy suggested the PBPF contact Bill Shumaker, President of the Paoli Memorial Association, as the Memorial Grounds should be included in the status. Jim is hoping to attend more MHC meetings so that there will be a link between the two organizations.
- D. **Fall Fest:** The Malvern Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, September 30 from 11am-4pm. Barb L. will be out of town, and Lynne will be unable to help that day. Barb R. is

available and Nancy will attend for some of the time. A schedule will be determined at the next meeting.

- E. **History Center visit:** A group of women from the Paoli United Methodist Church requested a visit/tour of the History Center in November. Lynne did not have the correct date available, so this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

- F. **Update To Do Chart:** The members present reviewed the Action Log, which has not been updated in some time. Some items have been completed and removed, others were updated. Barb R. will make the changes and bring the log to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 24 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynne Hockenbury
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