

Malvern Historical Commission
Meeting November 25, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Lynne Hockenbury, Barb Leighton, Kurt Leininger, Barbara Rutz, Joan Stackhouse,

Members Absent: Christian Arena

Guests Present: Pat Marcozzi, Helen McDonnell, Justin Turner

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

I. Opening Remarks. All members and non-members present introduced themselves. Mr. Turner owns an older home on Paoli Pike and was interested to learn about our commission.

II. Approval of Minutes. October 2013 minutes were sent by email, but not available at the meeting and will be approved by emails among the MHC members in the next week.

III. Financial Report.

- Balance in the MHC savings account balance is \$3,214, which does not include \$67 cash from sales at the Fall Fest, plus \$1500 in personal donations (being held until a use is determined).
- After purchase of the PastPerfect® software for \$1,338, and two Chester County expenses, \$450 of annual budget funds remain for 2013. Helen will work with Barbara to become more familiar with the new software and load it on the MHC computer.

IV. Old Business.

Preservation Awards: Our approach was discussed, which essentially should be to identify candidates for stewardship in preserving the historical charm of Malvern. Lynne pointed out that MHC is not a historical & architectural review board (“HARB”) such as West Chester has. As noted last month, the January meeting will need to establish criteria in reviewing and identifying candidates for the awards. A posthumous award to Nancy Schmitt might be something to consider.

125th Anniversary: Lynne discussed the various organizations and events involved in planning for the 125th Anniversary next year. MHC is the “clearinghouse” for all events and will be providing a schedule at the appropriate time. A “meeting of the masses” will be needed no later than next March among all groups planning to participate, to finalize event scheduling. The organizations who are expected to host various events during summer and fall of 2014 are:

Baptist Church,
Little League,
Shade Tree Commission,
Farmers’ Market,
Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund,
Paoli Memorial Association,
Parks & Recreation Commission,
Malvern Borough Council, and
Malver Historical Commission.

Summer Intern for 2014: Nothing new to report from last month.

“TOYS” sign from Gables: Kurt L. noted that the TOYS sign donated by Martin McElroy is now in the History Center.

V. New Business.

- Lynne announced that Nancy Schmitt died last Friday (Nov. 22nd), and a memorial service Nancy Schmitt will be on December 14th at 3pm. Nancy’s daughter Kelly is grieving and cards would be welcome.
- Members will meet tomorrow (Nov 26th) in the History Center to collect and set up items for display at National Bank of Malvern through December.
- For the December 6th Victorian Christmas event, a few MHC members will collect the items for sale and have them on display at the National Bank of Malvern lobby by 6 pm. The following people volunteered to attend the MHC’s table:

6 to 7 pm – Barb L. & Kurt L.

7 to 8 pm: - Barbara R. & Joan S.

8 to 9 pm – Lynne H. & Pat M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Next meeting ia January 27, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:

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