

**Malvern Historical Commission  
Meeting of April 28, 2014  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Lynne Hockenbury, Kurt Leininger, Joan Stackhouse, Zeyn Uzman

**Members Absent:** Christian Arena, Barb Leighton, Barbara Rutz,

**Guests Present:** Barbara Beaver, Helen McDonnell, Pat Marcozzi, Patti Rossiter, Matt Radano

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm**

**I. Opening Remarks.** A second volunteer meeting for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Tour was held prior to this monthly meeting. Another volunteer meeting will take place prior to the May 19<sup>th</sup> MHC meeting, to confirm the tour route, tour brochure details and volunteer assignments.

**II. Approval of Minutes.** The March 24, 2014, minutes were reviewed, corrections noted, and approved as corrected.

**III. Financial Report.** Lynne reported the following updated information received from Christian by email:

- To date, funds spent from the Borough budget account total \$4,081.25, and funds remaining total \$3,918.75. \$156.25 was spent during the past month.
- No change to the MHC savings account from last month.

**IV. Old Business.**

**A. Light Pole Banners:** The group discussed options for purchasing additional banners, to supplement the 16 banners already installed along King Street and Warren Avenue. The group decided to order 14 additional banners to be installed along East King, making a total of 30 banners. The additional cost will be approximately \$2100, which includes the new mounting hardware.

**B. Historic Ordinance Update:** Lynne reported that she met with Chris Mongeau and Amy Finkbeiner of the Planning Commission to discuss the next steps for the proposed historic ordinance, which will include preparing a timeline of how the new ordinance will work for things that do not require review by the Planning Commission. Also, Tom Scofield and Cory Kegerise of the Pennsylvania Museum & Historical Commission recently met with Lynne to review our ordinance, and Cory approved of our progress.

**C. Summer Intern:** Our intern will begin in on May 12th, and her assignments will be as reported in last month's minutes, with the addition of preparing a new booklet for the Town Tour after the tour map and list of properties is finalized by Lynne. Helen will train her with the PastPerfect software, and the intern will continue with properties not yet researched as listed by Lynne.

#### **D. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

- We received one example design for the new anniversary coin, from Sheila Startup's art class at Great Valley H.S. Kurt will send her a followup email to request that all proposed designs be sent to us before our next meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. He will ask Sheila to copy Lynne and Zeyn in her replies.
- Lynne has established the August 7th Town Tour route which will be summarized in a new booklet prepared from the existing booklet describing historic properties in the Borough. Guides for the trolleys have been appointed (Kelly Schmitt, Bev Smith, and Patti Rossiter), and various MHC members will attend the History Center throughout the tour period from 4 pm to 9 pm.
- The one-page flyer of the summer's events included in the Borough Broadcaster is a summary only and does not include a few last-minute additions. Thanks to Neil Lovekin, a more descriptive flyer of events is now posted on the Borough website.

#### **E. Preservation Awards:**

- Barbara R. will not have time to followup on this project for the immediate future. Kurt agreed to research the types of awards available (certificate, plaque, yard sign, etc.) and their costs. Pat Marcozzi also offered to assist.
- Kurt asked for suggestions on properties that deserve consideration for an award. Matt suggested the Malvern Retreat House as a venerable property that has been in Malvern for a very long time. Other properties previously discussed are the old fire company building at Greene & Church streets (now an architectural office and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartments), and the newly renovated house at the corner of Greene and First Avenue (home of the Malvern Pizza owner). Other suggestions is the residence across from the post office ("Hoffman House") and Gallagher's auto shop.

**F. Open History Center:** The first Open House will be May 10<sup>th</sup> which will be hosted by Lynne, and the June open house will be hosted by Lynne and Pat Marcozzi.

**G. Fire Company Fair:** We were told that a "dunk tank" at the fair would not be allowed by the fire company, due to concerns with liability in event of contamination or accidents.

#### **V. New Business.**

- The Malvern Blooms on May 4<sup>th</sup> will require people to set up the MHC table, attend the table from 11 am to 4 pm, and take down the table and return everything to the History Center. If it rains, we decided to not set up a MHC table.
- Lynne and Patti met recently with Pete Lindstrom of Parks & Recreation Commission to discuss a possible "historical scavenger hunt" in the Borough. This would occur during one of the Open House Saturdays, and August 9<sup>th</sup> was selected as the best date.
- Lynne discussed the July 16-20 seminar in Philadelphia for historical commission members, sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and Preserve Pennsylvania. Lynne and several other MHC members plan to attend at least one of the sessions.

- Kurt asked about the “Section 106” letter received from BL Companies for the proposed new cellular tower compound along south Warren, known as the “Sugartown Road Site” (since it is near Old Sugartown). Lynne said this should have been sent to Willistown Township, not the Borough.
- Joan offered her resignation as a MHC member, and Helen volunteered to replace her. All of us express our sincere thanks to Joan for her many decades of commitment to our community’s history, and our very best wishes. She has the distinct honor of being the most recent MHC member who was born in Malvern and lived in Malvern her entire life.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The next meeting is on May 19, 2014, again to be preceded by the “tour volunteer” meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kurt Leininger  
Malvern Historical Society Secretary