

**Malvern Historical Commission  
Meeting of June 23, 2014  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Lynne Hockenbury, Kurt Leininger, Helen McDonnell, Zeyn Uzman  
**Members Absent:** Christian Arena, Barb Leighton, Barbara Rutz,  
**Guests Present:** Barbara Beaver, Patti Rossiter, Joe Ranaudo

**The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm**

**I. Opening Remarks.** A volunteer meeting for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Tour was held prior to this monthly meeting to confirm the tour route, tour brochure details and volunteer assignments. This meeting was well-attended, since last month's meeting was cancelled.

**II. Approval of Minutes.** The April 28, 2014, minutes were reviewed, corrections noted, and approved as corrected.

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

- To date, funds spent from the Borough budget account total \$5,559.28, and funds remaining total \$2,440.72. Amounts spent this year to date were \$745 for one of the tour trolleys, \$3,180 for initial banners, and \$1,370 for additional banners.
- The MHC savings account has a balance of \$5,609.50. The last deposit was \$17.50 after sales at Malvern Blooms.

**IV. Old Business.**

**A. Historic Ordinance Update:** Lynne reported that Amy Finkbeiner of the Planning Commission has submitted the final draft Ordinance to the borough solicitor, Wendy McLean, for legal review. If approved, Lynne plans to present the Ordinance to the Malvern Planning Commission for final approval, at their July 10<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**B. Summer Intern:** Our intern has been working hard and completed the majority of the new property researches, and taking photographs to add to the MHC property files. She met with Helen to begin reviewing the PastPerfect software and documenting how it can be best used for our needs.

**C. Coins:**

- Zeyn has ordered the production of the new coin, using an image of the train station on one side and the gazebo on the other side. Total cost will be \$1,725 for one thousand coins, and we plan to sell them for \$2 each.
- The new coin is made using two images selected from several proposed designs prepared by the Great Valley High School art class, under the guidance of art teacher Sheila Startup. The two winning students were Katie Mastrangelo and Raadhika Tandon. Lynne asked Kurt to write a thank-you note to each of them, inviting them to attend the September 16<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting for recognition.

#### **D. Preservation Awards:**

- Kurt presented a “matrix” of various properties he thought worthy of consideration for an award at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting. They were separated into four categories: “Commercial,” “Institutional” (religious or educational), “Residential” and “Recent Construction”. It was agreed to select only 4 or 5 for awards this year, since we want to recognize many other properties in future years.
- After extensive discussion, the following properties were selected for this year’s awards:
  - 1) Commercial: National Bank of Malvern, which remains under the same family ownership as when it was founded in 1884.
  - 2) Residential: 24 West King Street (“Hoffman House”) which retains the identical style and “look” as the original 1989 building.
  - 3) Institutional: First Baptist Church, which retains the original building from the 1850s, and has obtained Chester County certification as an historic property through the sole efforts of the church membership.
  - 4) Recent Construction: 101 Church Street, the original Malvern Fire House, which was completely rebuilt in the same style of the original building after being destroyed by fire a few years ago.

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

- A. Town Tour Brochure:** Helen has prepared a final mockup of the new booklet describing the historic properties in the Borough, including a small tour map. We all congratulate Helen on an excellent job in this task. Five hundred copies will be made at a cost of \$450. Helen also raised funds from seven donors in the Malvern business community.
- B. Open History Center:** The next open house on July 12<sup>th</sup> will be hosted from 10 am to 1pm by Barb Leighton and Kurt. Hosts for the August 9<sup>th</sup> open house will be determined when the final timing of the scavenger hunt is known
- C. MHC Member Responsibilities:** Lynne explained that she will be moving out of the Borough sometime in the next several months, and that she will need to relinquish her leadership role in the MHC. She will remain in charge of the Town Tour and upcoming events already in progress, but she will not continue as Chairperson of the MHC and leader of the new Historic Ordinance. Zeyn has offered to fill in as Chairperson, and the leader of the Historic Ordinance will be determined at such time as it becomes effective.
- D. Next Meeting:** The next meeting was rescheduled for July 23, 2014, rescheduled from the normal 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (July 28<sup>th</sup>) which some members could not attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kurt Leininger  
Malvern Historical Society Secretary