

Malvern Historical Commission
Meeting of May 18, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Alicia Marziani, Kelly Schmitt, Kurt Leininger, Barbara Rutz, Helen McDonnell

Members Absent: Zeyn Uzman, Joan Zimnoch

Guests: Lynne Hockenbury, Joe Ranaudo

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm.

I. Opening Remarks: Kurt asked what he should do with his old secretarial items. Lynne suggested that they should be filed in the MHC drawer in the History Center.

II. Approval of Minutes: The approval of minutes was postponed due to not having copies available.

III. Financial Report: Helen gave the financial report. As of 4/21/15 there is \$5556.94 in the savings account. Additionally, there is \$141 from sales at Malvern Blooms and \$2 unknown that was in the deposit envelope in the office.

In the borough budget there is \$841.17 left.

IV. Old Business

A: O&A: Helen went through it and everything seems fine and then Helen and Zeyn discussed it last week. Helen and Lynne will be at the BC meeting tomorrow night to answer questions. Helen will go over it again for typos.

B: Historic Ordinance Update: Lynne discovered that there are references to sections in the body of the ordinance and the section numbers are no longer there as well as the 10 criteria having changed from number references (which is what is on the list) back to letter references. Helen will do a comparison between an old version from last August and the most current for the formatting issues.

C: Preservation Awards: Numerous additional properties were added to each of the categories. There was some discussion about the definition of adaptive reuse. The commissioners in attendance would like to have the decisions made by the July meeting. Next month, the group should narrow down the list to 2 in each category for final decisions.

D: CCHPN Invitation: Helen, Alicia, Kelly, and Barbara will all attend. Kurt and Joan will be out of town. Zeyn is unknown at this time.

E. Rubino House Pictures: Lynne is coordinating the visit for pictures for the MHC and the historic architect for the PBPF. Everyone was invited to attend if they are able so they can both see the house as well as how the historic architect dates a building. As soon as a date is decided upon, Lynne will let everyone know.

IV. New Business

A: QR Codes: There has been an ongoing idea to place QR codes on buildings which would take people to an historic picture of that building. Now that Alicia has demonstrated how easy it is to create them, this is an idea that can be discussed again. There was also a suggestion for some kind of interactive map. The commission will consider what we might be able to do with this and continue discussing.

B: Requests for removal from list: The commission will collect the addresses for now, as there is no official list or ordinance. As soon as we are able to, we should contact the property owners to let them know what they will need to do apply to have their property removed from the list.

C: In Great Valley magazine articles: Barbara came up with an idea to do articles based on historic properties in the Borough. Because we did the mini-tour on the day before Malvern Blooms, we have 4 properties we can pull from right now. Kelly's write-up on the mural will be the first one.

D: Possible Fall Harvest Mini-Tour: We may be asked to do this again in the fall – we should be ready.

E. Credit Card/Square/Inventory: We need to do an inventory of the books again, and then Helen will go back in her emails to see how we were going to be allowed to take credit card sales for books. Once that is in place, Alicia and/or Kelly will look into whether we can use Square to take the credit cards.

The next meeting will be on June, 22 2015 at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. Kurt moved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Rutz
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