

**Malvern Historical Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**October 24, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

Hugo Schmitt, chair – present  
Barbara Rutz, vice chair – present  
Catherine Raymond, treasurer – present  
Ian Duncan, secretary – absent  
Lynne Frederick, member – present  
Jonathan Hoppe, member – present  
Barbara Stergiades, member – absent

Chair Hugo Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

- I. Opening Remarks – the Chair had just come from a meeting in the History Center with a woman researching her family's home at 134 Church Street
- II. Public Comment
  - A. Mr. Joe Ranaudo is looking forward to upcoming borough celebrations.
- III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Jon moved to accept minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with corrections, seconded by Lynne. Motioned carried unanimously. Minutes approved as amended.
- IV. Reports
  - A. Financial Report: Cathy declined to submit this month's report pending an adjustment to the reporting method from the borough's accounts payable and will resubmit in November once the new report is run.
  - B. Donations Received
    1. Access copy of *A Documentary History Of The Paoli Massacre* by Donald Grey Brownlow, donated anonymously
    2. 1977 Paoli Massacre First Day Cover, donated anonymously
    3. Clear plastic business card holder, courtesy of Jacqueline Moore
  - C. Electronic Communication Report
    1. Facebook Follows: 1,843; Instagram Follows: 487
    2. Yahoo email: junk; Malvern.org emails; Spam; Owners of 421 Monument and 222 E. King rescheduling preservation award presentation; Bertha Jackmon; Chester County History Center Halloween Ball reminder; CCHPN email from Karen Marshall asking for information on African-American sites in community for American 250 celebration.
    3. Facebook messenger chat with David Worst asking if MHC knew why the Cromwell Pearce House has two addresses 235 and 515 W. King and if it was the oldest home in Malvern (no; 1-3 N. Warren, built 1731, is the oldest)

V. Old Business

- A. Malverns Worldwide – no updates
- B. Preservation Awards – discussed if more plaques were needed to be ordered; it was decided to use awarded, but not picked up, plaques and to order more as needed.; Mr. John Buckley informed commission that 108 Church Street has put his recently awarded plaque up on display
- C. Historic Ordinance – no updates
- D. Action Log – Historic resources and more list – no updates
- E. Legacy Tree Project (Environmental Advisory Council and Shade Tree Commission) – no updates
- F. Parks and Rec – no updates
- G. Waterworks building – Mr. Buckley will give commission info on grants specific to pump houses that he has found
- H. 150th Anniversary of Malvern's Naming & 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MBHC – no updates
- I. Blankets – Hugo put up solicitations for orders on Facebook without response; no further blankets will be ordered at this time
- J. Pat McGuigan dedication videos – Hugo received videos on jump drives and will pass to Cathy for review and posting to Facebook
- K. October 16 Borough Broadcaster article – Hugo wrote article and submitted
- L. David Evans Journals – Jon will work with borough office to find time to scan journals over the holidays

VI. New Business

- A. Selling unneeded merchandise in History Center – Barbara motioned to sell merchandise at prices set at discretion set by commissioners. Cathy seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners will meet to review items and prices
- B. Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund display case – PBPF got their artifacts back; Hugo passed on information about the current display case for their review

VII. Events

- A. MHC Open Hours – October 14<sup>th</sup> – six visitors asking about area topics. Jon de-framed pump house wiring diagram and cleaned up frame for future use while Hugo answered questions. Jon and Hugo emptied file drawer of oversize rolled items and put them in map folders in the flat file.
- B. Preservation Awards presentation at Borough Council – October 17<sup>th</sup> – 11 E. King was presented award and plaque; 421 Monument and 11 E. King intend to be present to pick up on November 8<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting.
- C. CCHPN Fall Workshop – November 11<sup>th</sup> – Hugo may attend
- D. Christmas on King – November 25<sup>th</sup> – examining possibility of ordering rubber stamp commemorating the naming of Malvern on November 26, 1873

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Cathy; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Next regular meeting: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Hoppe, Acting Secretary