

**Melrose Business and Community Association
General Meeting Minutes-October 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Lucas at 11:45 am. There were approximately 23 members and guest present. Invocation was given and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasure's report was disbursed, with no questions. Dues for 2012 are currently being accepted and already have a few for 2012.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes from the 9/12/11 meeting as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed.

Melrose Bay Park- William Chiappini reported that the porta potty has been removed. Also working with June Beverly for an artist project to maybe paint the benches in the park.

By-Laws- Floor was opened for discussion of the by-law revisions. Revisions to the by-laws was voted on and passed.

Transportation Committee- Christine Louton- reported she is now on the Alachua county board for Disadvantage Coordinating. Meetings are the second Monday of every month from 1:30-3:30 at the Melrose Senior Center.

Merry Melrose Parade- Dr. Payne reported he is working with someone from Palatka to have a Navy float in the parade. The theme is "A Natural Christmas" which was suggested by the Audubon Society. It was voted on that Santa would ride on the fire truck this year in the parade, and passed.

Open Arts- Becky O'Bryan is this year's coordinator. Dates for the Open Arts are the second weekend in March. Artist will probably starting showing up around the 24th. Coordinating just started so Becky will come back when more has developed in the process.

Melrose Alert- We have begun to re-distribute the Melrose Alert monthly to local businesses to help generate interest. Also handouts on the Plum Creek development were provided for those who were interested.

Election of Officers and Directors: Jennifer Pritchett for President, Jeanne Hill for Vice President, Jean Rosebrock for Secretary, and Rebecca Richardson for Treasurer. Directors: Marshall Bloom, Chris Carson, William Chiappini, and Badger

Moring. The floor was open for nominations, and none was received. Ballot was voted on and all nominated officers and directors were voted into office.

Farmer's Market- Ed Sherwood that music will start this week during the Farmer's Market. Also the Merry Melrose 11th annual craft festival and parade will be on 12/10/11. Also the 1st Annual Monarch festival was in September at the Greenhouse Butterfly Farm and went well and they are planning for the festival again next year.

Shake Rag- June Beverly reported the Aztec Dancers will be at Shake Rag outside dancing on 12/10/11 at 1:00pm.

Alachua County Sheriff Office – Leo Lowe reported there is still cooper theft going on in the area. Also he reminded everyone to make sure they call if they have an incident or see something suspicious. If you call the non-emergency number you will be anonymous. By reporting incidents you will get more patrolling in the area. Also Leo wants to do a Crime watch meeting in January to train the community; this should be about an hour long.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Justice