

**Melrose Business and Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes- November 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Lucas at 12:00pm. Board members present were: Tom Lucas, Michelle Justice, Jeanne Hill, William Chiappini, Chris Carson, Jeff Knee, Jean Rosebrock, Felicity Trueblood, Laura Hodges, Jennifer Pritchett and guest Susan Lucas and Ed Sherwood.

Rebeca Richardson dropped off the treasurer's report.

Motion was made by Jeanne Hill to accept minutes from the 10/12/11 General board as written, Chris Carson second the motion and was passed.

Committee Report

Melrose Bay Park- William Chiappini reported that they received a letter from Alachua County in regards to help with the retention walls for the beach and it sound positive that they should be able to help fund. Chris is still checking into the light for the park. William will continue to work with galleries in the area to maybe get some artist to paint the park benches.

Transportation Committee- Felicity Trueblood reported they are trying to get with all four county commissioners and have them come speak at one of their meetings.

Putnam Parks and Recreation-Jennifer Pritchett currently there are no new issues to report.

Old Business

Melrose Alert-Will combine November and December.

Merry Melrose Parade- Jeanne Hill has someone to be Santa for the parade. Steve Thrift suggested that Santa ride on the antique fire truck that will be at the end of the parade. The MBCA will have Jeanne Hill's car with signs and possibly individuals walking in front of and behind the car with the MBCA banner.

Christmas Lights- We have been waiting on the brackets for the past couple of weeks. Brackets were quoted to be \$50 for 10. Mark Martin, from Kite Riders in Keystone, has agreed to put up the brackets for the MBCA.

Facebook: We need more "Likes". We now have 54.

Grapevine- Jean Rosebrock will continue to do the blog.

Community Service Awards- It was agreed to present Michele Laxson, Rosemary Daurer and Tom Lucas with awards, on November 18th at the Melrose Senior Center.

New Business

Board meetings for 2012- 1st Board meeting to be Monday January 9th and 5:30pm and Jennifer Pritchett's house. Call for directions 352-475-1255.

Additional meeting times and locations will be discussed then.

Thanksgiving in the Park- Trinity church hold the Thanksgiving in the park and it is open to anyone. It was voted on by the board to donate \$75 to the church for the dinner.

Political Rallies in the Park- The political rallies will be sometime in August where all candidates will be able to do meet and greets.

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Justice