

## **Melrose Business and Community Association Membership Meeting Minutes For March 13, 2012**

**Welcome:** President Jennifer Pritchett opened the meeting at 11:46am.

**Board members in attendance:** Jennifer Pritchett, Jean Rosebrock, Chris Carson, Marshall Bloom, William Chiappini, Rebeca Richardson

**Intro of members in attendance:** Each member was allowed one minute (as per the previous minutes) to introduce him/herself and promote his/her business or activity.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the previous membership meeting were provided and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rebeca provided the current Treasurer's Report.

### **Speaker Becky Dobbin O'Brien, Director, Melrose Open Air Arts (MOAA), March 21-31, 2012**

Becky announced that local properties will be open for artists, including the Greathouse Butterfly Farm. The art sale is March 24 & 25, 2012. Shakerag will host live music during MOAA. Becky stated that MOAA needs volunteers to pick up trash, and MOAA needs an MBCA representative on the planning committee. (See handout from Becky for further MOAA details.)

### **Business**

#### **Citizen of the Month**

Bob Bird, woodworker and new manager of the Melrose Community Farmers Market (MCFM), is Citizen of the Month. He did not attend the meeting.

#### **Butterfly Festival**

Nancy Dale stated that she spoke to Zane Greathouse, and he asked that a portion of festival proceeds go to the Sherwood family. It was announced that volunteers are needed to plan and run the festival. A member suggested asking Bob Bird to ask MCFM vendors if they are interested, or if they know anyone who is. Felicity offered to ask her bee group.

#### **Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association (SFLDA) annual Lake Fest**

Leo mentioned that this could be our effort for the Great American CleanUp, held on the same day. Details for the Melrose Bay Park clean-up for Lake Fest are on the agenda for this meeting.

A member announced the Beekeepers meeting, held every fourth Thursday, 7:00pm, at the Melrose Fire Station.

The Melrose Library Association's book sale was announced. It runs March 14-16, 2012, during regular library hours.

We were reminded that the Clay Electric Co-Op Annual meeting is March 22, 2012.

**MBCA Political Rally in the Park**

The MBCA provides refreshments. Volunteers are needed during the rally. It was noted that we should inquire about using the Melrose Community Senior Center (MCSC) in the case of inclement weather, as Trinity Parish Hall may not be available that day. Further details are on the agenda for this meeting.

**MBCA Business Expo**

It was suggested that we move the Expo to Friday, November 16, 2012, from 6:00pm-8:00pm with the MBCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was agreed that the Expo would not be held in conjunction with the Political Rally. A motion was made to hold the Expo and Anniversary Celebration together. The motion was seconded and approved. Michelle Laxson volunteered to help with the Anniversary Celebration.

**MBCA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

See previous paragraph.

**Melrose Alert**

Jeff requested ideas for the Alert.

Leo reminded us that after the November elections, we will need to renew the Four Corners Agreement with the Sheriffs from all four involved counties (Alachua, Bradford, Clay and Putnam). Leo suggested doing this in January.

**Committee Reports****Transportation Committee**

Christine announced that a survey to assess transportation needs for the area will soon be available online. She also mentioned the various state and Federal grants that are currently available for the transportation disadvantaged (TD). Chris Carson volunteered to be the Clay County TD representative.

**Membership Committee**

Marshall announced that the new membership forms are available.

Jennifer reminded everyone of upcoming MBCA meetings.

The meeting adjourned.

*Jean Rosebrock, Secretary*