

Melrose Business and Community Association Membership Meeting Minutes For September 11, 2012

Welcome: President Jennifer Pritchett opened the meeting at 12:00pm.

Board Members present: Jennifer Pritchett, Jean Rosebrock, Marshall Bloom, Rebeca Richardson, Chris Carson, William Chiappini

Member-Go-'Round: Each member was allowed one minute to introduce him or herself and briefly describe his or her business or interest.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes: Jean provided minutes and they were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca provided the report.

Old Business

The Rape Aggression Defense class held by Alachua County Sheriff's Office changed dates. The new dates are October 15th, 22nd and 23rd.

November 16th 30th Anniversary Celebration

Local food and wine will be featured. Tickets will be sold (the number has not been determined) and the entertainment will include live music. The event will be held at Trinity Parish Hall. Also at that time, community awards will be presented. Volunteers for this event are needed; Rhonda Hamilton and Annie Hughes have volunteered.

October 9th

The meeting has been moved to 5:45pm on Friday, October 12th at the Farmers Market in Heritage Park. Also Friday, Melrose Library is having a quilt and coverlet show at Eliam Baptist Church, and Gallery 26 will have a contra dance and band.

Melrose Rural Cluster

Over 70 Melrose supporters attended the Alachua County Commission public hearing!

MBCA and HMI are jointly researching the Tax Increment Financing option for Melrose.

Melrose Coalition Vision and Goals

MBCA needs to know the cost estimate from Alachua County (for the Rural Cluster project) so as to adjust the October meeting time, if necessary. Melrose citizens hope to hear from residents who have already undergone a Special Area Study (SAS). Ideally, Melrose wants to deny the existing SAS plan and initiate one itself. A PowerPoint presentation is being created about the vision and goals for Melrose.

Water conservation and resource preservation continues to be a challenge. See the latest information on Silver Springs and Adena Springs Ranch at <http://wateractionteam.org/>.

Merry Melrose, December 8th

Steve Thrift is unavailable, so the vote for the theme has been tabled until the October meeting.

New Business

Clay Transit Magenta Line

The Magenta Line is running! The van operates weekdays only and the price to ride is \$1. The route is Keystone Heights to Putnam Hall to Melrose to Gainesville and back. The leader of the project will speak today at 2:00pm at the Melrose Senior Community Center (MSCC).

The Health and Wellness Fair in Keystone Heights last weekend was well-attended.

Melrose Youth Programs

Speakers on this topic were:

Virginia Walkup, President, Melrose Library Association (<http://melrosetlibraryassociation.org/>)

Linda Schladant, President, local chapter of Girl Scouts of America – they are celebrating 100 years and need volunteers for various opportunities

Melissa McGinnis, Coordinator, MSCC – they offer intergenerational youth programs, have a natural Florida garden and want youth to teach technology to seniors

Betty Bennett, Member, Shakerag – they have youth art programs

It was noted that Putnam County has approved money for youth sports, but Melrose has never applied for these funds.

MBCA Election Nominations

Marshall is the head of the Nominating Committee, with Jennifer and William volunteering to assist. Marshall was nominated for President or Vice President. William was nominated for Director At Large.

On November 3rd, the Keystone Airport will hold its 70th Anniversary party from 9:00am-4:00pm.

The meeting adjourned.

Jean Rosebrock, Secretary