

MBCA Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting, Feb 3, 2015

The Board convened at 3:05 pm at the Homemakers Club in Melrose.
In attendance were:

- ◆ Joe Rush, President
- ◆ Carol Meyer, Director
- ◆ Tim Parker, Director
- ◆ Chris Carson, Director
- ◆ Marshall Bloom, Web Editor, acting Secretary

Missing were VP Deborah Massie, Secretary Stasia Rudolph, Treasurer Rebeca Gamble, and Director Ed O'Bryan. Marshall volunteered to take minutes.

The Board discussed the current membership drive. Currently 25 members have paid dues. We expect to double that number by end of March. It is very important to get previous members to renew.

A broad discussion of the budget and fund-raising ensued. With 50 paid members, our annual budget starts at \$2000. Next year's applications need to have check boxes for specific causes to support additional fund-raising, such as:

- ◆ Melrose Bay Park
- ◆ Melrose Volunteer Fire Department
- ◆ Open Air Arts Festival
- ◆ Merry Melrose Parade and Festival
- ◆ Melrose Area Youth Sports
- ◆ Heritage Park
- ◆ Community Branding (in general)
- ◆ Quad-County Cooperation

There was mention of a possible new business moving in west of Chiappini's Gulf Station that may be an auto repair garage. Carol will seek more detailed information in time for next Tuesday's General meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the recent crime spree. Detective Gallop from the Alachua County Sheriff's Department will be at the February General Meeting to provide an update on the recent break-ins.

A check for \$500 to the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department was approved by MBCA membership at the January meeting and will be presented to Walter Cole (and possibly Bobby Brown) from the MVFD at the General Meeting on Feb 10th.

Ideas of what MBCA can do to help HMI (Historic Melrose, Inc.) and Putnam County with improvements to Heritage Park were discussed.

Agenda for the January General Meeting was outlined as:

- ◆ Membership Drive - encourage previous members to renew
- ◆ Budget - discuss what specific areas that MBCA should focus on for 2015
- ◆ Presentation to MVFD of \$500 check.
- ◆ Detective Gallop to provide updated information on recent crimes.
- ◆ Tim Parker to provide update on Melrose business news
- ◆ Sam to provide updates on Melrose Senior Center
- ◆ New plans for MACC

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.