

**MBCA Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**January 5 2016**  
**Location: HomeMakers Club**

Members attending: Joe Rush, Deb Massie, Christine Louton, Tom Sapp, Rebecca Gamble, Tim Parker, Linda Kemp, Marshall Bloom, Stasia Rudolph  
Meeting convened at 3:39PM

Joe/Linda lead a discussion regarding funding issue w/ Melrose Volunteer Fire Dept. January 12 will be the important mtg.

Joe brings up new business of buying T-shirts with MBCA logo. Cornelius Clayton has a t-shirt biz, we should use him.

Subject of county Chamber of Commerce comes up and members ask to evaluate chamber's contribution to Melrose. Discussion ensues regarding value of membership to Putnam/Alachua chambers. Linda volunteers to do research into benefits.

Deb highlights this year's membership drive. Need to focus on new members, Joe adds "focus on the B" in MBCA. Discussion ensues regarding the needs of local businesses. Joe offers to "informal survey" BWB and Stasia offers to survey Melrose Cafe/Williamsons.

Christine has results of transportation survey, asks to review at next week's general mtg.

New business: roadside trash is an eyesore and needs to be addressed. Tom Sapp volunteers to research penalty/fines for littering. Discussion ensues regarding cleanup and signing.

Meeting agenda is developed for following week's general mtg (posted under separate cover). Plum Creek, Fire Dept and Putnam city officials will be highlight of agenda.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 4:40PM

*minutes submitted by S Rudolph*