

**MBCA General Meeting
Minutes
November 8 2016
Location: HomeMakers Club**

Executive Board members attending: Joe, Deb, Stasia

Others: Bob Byrd, Liz Bryman, Peter Atkinson, Jean H, Judy MacLaren, Peggy Jo Thran, Carol and Art Atkins, Paul Daniels, Linda and Will Stoler, Kate Miller, Tracey York, June Beverly

Joe convenes meeting at 12:05

Joe welcomes group and reviews changes in membership fee for 2017, goal is to add more members. Joe mentions that there will be a small change in bylaws to reflect new lower fee and additional "directors at large".

Deb Massie thanks Carol and Art Atkins for their support of the Halloween fete at Senior/Community Center. PeggyJ highlights that over 100 kids participated, should be even bigger next year.

Pastor Paul Daniels reminds all that **Pac 'n Sac** is starting up again and we need to support our local kids.

Joe reviews the calendar for the remainder of the year. Big weekend coming up in December:

- Friday December 9th- **MBCA Social 5-7PM** w/ silent art auction benefitting **Deb Thompson** followed by **Contra Dance**
- Saturday December 10th- **Melrose Christmas Parade** (theme Cosmic Christmas, June Beverly Grand Marshall) followed by arts and crafts at Heritage Park
- Sunday December 11th- **Historic Melrose sponsors Christmas Home and Garden Tour** (and more)
- See melrosefl.com for details

Deb Massie reminds group that President Joe received an award for all his generosity toward Melrose Community.

Deb Massie reminds all about the kick off to the quarterly **Melrose Multimarket** December 3rd at Heritage Park, see Deb for details. \$5 table fee benefits HMI and Melrosians can keep the proceeds of their sales, great way to get rid of clutter and makes some \$\$\$.

PeggyJo informs group that **senior/community center** will only be open one day a week (wednesdays) due to financial constraints. Deb reminds everyone that there will be a "management meeting" regarding senior/community center's challenges and all concerned citizens are invited (Nov 16 at 11am).

Auctions by Atkins introduced by auctioneers Carol and Art Atkins monthly auctions at 2338 SE State Rd 21 Unit 7 Melrose 352 262 3080

Will and Linda Stoler communicate their "**Heart and Soul**" vision for Melrose. Linda reviews her journey from Vt to Melrose and her professional background. The Stolars have formed their

own 501(c)3 to help care-givers and nurture a small community. Their ultimate goal is to develop a "Healing Arts Community Center" in Melrose. The Stolors embrace themes of sustainability and inclusiveness. Stolors are asked a few questions from the group and they highlight that they will begin implementation by polling citizens to determine community needs.

Steve confirms Christmas parade judges. Deb Massie thanks Joe for cleaning up the beach. Deb closes by informing members that Ben Cooper has been incarcerated for three years for unknown charges. All agree that Ben Cooper had a solid "start up" going and express regret at this unfortunate turn of fortune.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 1:05PM

minutes submitted by S Rudolph