

**MBCA General Meeting
January 10 2017
Minutes**

Location: HomeMakers Club

BODs Attending: Joe, Deb, Fran, Tracy, Kate, Peggy, Tim, Paul, and Stasia

President Joe Rush convenes meeting at 12PM

Joe introduces new board members: Kate Ellison, Fran Rossano, Paul Daniels, Peggy Jo Thran, and Tracy York.

Joe presents Christmas Parade 2016 awards:

Elaine West from Rooterville accepts her prize: **Closest to Theme-tie**

Bob Bird accepts for MBAG: **Most Original**

Paul Daniels accepts for Methodist Church: **Closet to Theme-tie**

Joe accepts for Dancing Fish Contra Group: **Best Overall**

Stasia reviews proposed changes to bylaws to include:

adding the number of executive board members allowed

changing membership dues structure

foregoing general meetings in July/August

Marshall makes a motion to accept slate as presented by Stasia, Tracy seconds
Motion carries.

Kate gives an update on her findings regarding replacement Christmas lights for downtown Melrose. Kate highlights cost of *roughly \$200 per*, subject to details of lights requested. Kate also mentions that "lori's" will re-wire old lights if we want to go in that direction. Members agree that Kate has done a good job laying the groundwork for purchase of new lights. More info to come.

Deb discusses upcoming "multi-market" on March 4th at the park. Proceeds from table rental goes to HMI, but the seller can keep the \$\$\$ from their own merchandise sales. Stasia reminds all that the annual "Bee Festival" is occurring on Mossman Grounds same day, March 4th. All things local honey bee will be featured and celebrated. BEE at the dance at Mossman Hall that Saturday night and hear Crooked Counsel! Dance and party at Mossman.

Joe discusses re-vamped membership form with new fee structure and donation opportunities. Joe also talks about removing phone numbers from the "published" list of members. Marshall agrees to adjust website accordingly.

Peggy Jo reminds everyone about the "Save our Senior Center" mtg on Wednesday at 11:00.

Joe introduces two guest speakers:

Dr Charles Anderson (Senior Health Care Center)

James Bush (FPL)

Dr Anderson reviews services and benefits of becoming a client/patient of the local senior healthcare center. Discussion issues regarding medicare, vaccinations and other services offered.

Jim Bush reviews the latest updates on Florida's two new solar farms and the goal of renewable energy that motivates FPL's expansion of solar resources. FPL wants to greatly reduce dependency on foreign oil. Once completed, each solar facility will supply enough power for 15K homes.

Discussion ensues regarding attracting new businesses to the state and FPL's support of economic development with an emphasis on small business.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 1:05PM

minutes submitted by S. Rudolph