

MBCA General Meeting
MINUTES
April 11, 2017
Location: HomeMakers

BODs attending: Deb, Peggy Jo, Fran, Paul, Kate and Stasia

Deb opens with an update on Artisan's Way. They are looking for new officers and new leadership. Open meeting Tuesday April 18th at 6:30PM. Deb highlights the virtues of "Coffee Talk" and how much fellowship and music it brings to Melrose. Thanks Doris and June for keeping it alive. Deb will ask Marshall to put out a call to action on our website regarding upcoming Artisan's Way meeting.

Deb highlights that Joe is hosting a Contra Dance Fundraiser on April 21st thru 23rd at his new Dance Barn. All proceeds go to the Gainesville Old-Time Dance Society.

Non- Dancers \$5 (watch and listen)

Dancers \$20 per dance or \$60 for all four.

Deb highlights to members how much Joe has contributed to our community. All agree that Joe has done a lot for Melrose.

Deb reminds members about the "Keep Putnam Beautiful" on May 6th. Deb passes out flyers.

Peggy Jo highlights the upcoming MBCA Evening Social on June 9th. Looking for "Silent Auction" items to raise funds for senior center. So far Senior Center's General Fundraiser has generated over \$2K. PJ highlights Dream Vacation's Labor Day Cruise with portion of revenue donated to Senior Center.

Deb gives a "beach update"- need locals to work "security duty" 12-6 on Sat, Sun, Mon Mem Day weekend. Contact Joe Rush/William Chiappini or Rebecca at Ameris if interested. \$15 an hour.

Paul Daniels talks up "Sunrise Service" on Easter Sunday.

Stasia gives an update on Mossman classes (hands out current schedule). Stasia highlights that Mossman just replaced Central A/C unit which was big expense but needed due to extra activity in Hall.

Kate Ellison tells group about **April 22nd PEACE CAMP** at Sustainable Living Center. Address: 10665 89th Ave in Hampton (off Highway 18). Pot Luck and Info Sharing regarding Phosphate Mine and other local issues.

Discussion moves to Bradford County Commissioners and their position on the mine. Most members understand that this is a critical issue in our Melrose community. Kate urges all to attend Bradford County Commission Meetings to ensure the voice of the people is heard.

Kate gives a Christmas Light Update. There will need to be decisions made at the May Meeting as costs are expected to be between \$2-3K. September Evening Social is slated as a Fund Raiser for Christmas Lights Re-Do!

Savannah Weakland updates group on need for N/A meetings in Melrose. Currently, meetings are held every Thursday at 7PM at senior center. Savannah gives an overview of the stats of drug addiction in America today. Sad story that over 22M Americans suffer from addiction. Savannah stresses the need for local support/recovery groups. Deb thanks Savannah for taking a leadership role in establishing a local support group in Melrose.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 1PM.

meeting submitted by S Rudolph