

**MBCA General Meeting  
November 14 2017  
MINUTES**

Location: HomeMakers Club

BOD Attendees: Joe, Deb, Fran, Kate, Tracey, PeggyJo and Stasia

Joe calls meeting to order at 12 noon.

Deb mentions that Dr Jeff Smith gave \$100 to the Christmas Light Fund.

Heather Davis highlights Hospice Care for Melrose.

Joe introduces slate for Officer Election and Directors to the Board. (Slate sent under previous cover). Vote is taken and slate is approved as presented, unanimously.

Steve Thrift reviews **Christmas Parade Dec 9th** details and passes out flyer detailing same. Highlights include: Jimmy Price is Grand Marshall (former deputy sheriff in many local counties, founding family of melrose).

Discussion includes details on magnetic sign for Grand Marshall's car. Joe volunteers that his Model A ford is ready and able to be the vehicle. Joe recommends that award certificates can be given on site and will review details with Marshall and Steve. Joe will ensure that Santa (Dave Carpenter) knows where sled will be located for parade launch.

Steve needs help with parade guards, Keith Bollum volunteers to help. Start time is 8:30Am.

Christmas Light Update: Members congratulate Kate and Deb on a job well-done. Fundraising continues as we need \$2K to cover expense.

Deb highlights the one year anniversary of the Melrose Multi-Market. Next date is December 2nd Saturday at Heritage Park. Table fee donations will go to Senior Center.

Other News:

- Beta Theater starts its new production at Senior Center Nov 16.
- Christmas Social at Mossman Friday Dec 8th 5:30 to 7ish
- Bob Bird's Christmas Market (after parade) approx 40 vendors. Bob would love some Xmas music in the pavilion!

Keith Bollum provides an update on Mount Melrose and the "disappeared" beautiful old live oak tree taken on 11.11.17. Melroids are angry with Putnam county and plan to take action.

Keith gives an update on HMI activities and the fight to save the Live Oak. Keith highlights that no vote was taken at the County meeting and he was dismayed and shocked that the tree was taken away on a saturday without any communication from the county or Larry Harvey the sitting commissioner. Discussion leads to "who profited" and who will run against Larry Harvey in 2018. Keith will draft a letter of protest with MBCA and Mossman signing on.

Joe moves discussion to Beach Park re-marketing campaign and goals for 2018. The emphasis is on a “children’s park” and Fran Rossano offers guidance in signing.

Kate highlights the current “restore ex felons voting rights” petition.

Fran highlights Democratic Women’s Club mtg this thursday.

No more business, meeting adjourned at 1PM.

*Minutes submitted by S Rudolph.*