

**MBCA General Meeting
MINUTES
October 9 2018
Location: HomeMakers Club**

BODs Attending: Joe, Kate, Fran, PegyJo, Tim and Stasia

Stasia convenes meeting at 12:05. Stasia reviews meeting agenda and introduces Tim Parker to the attendees.

Tim reviews the thirteen amendments that are on the ballot this November 6th. Tim also hands out a brochure that details the amendments. As Tim provides some background, a lively discussion ensues.

More info can be found on <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/>

Bobby Brown updates the members on grant (\$260K) from Alachua County which will fund two full time firefighters for Melrose. Bobby provides a brief history of our local fire dept in Melrose. LY our fire dept answered 921 calls- 700 calls annually is considered to be "professional level". Bobby thanks Deb Massie and other generous citizens for donations to the dept. Bobby also highlights Barbara Franklin for her help on the workers comp insurance. Bobby mentions PutnamWay an online news source.

Joe brings up November elections for VP and treasurer. Kate has accepted a nomination for VP and Rebecca is willing to stay on as treasurer. Joe mentions that we will accept other nominations to Executive board. Heather, Sean, Tom and Barbara all accept their nominations to the executive board. Elections will be at the November General Meeting.

Joe brings up Christmas Parade. This is Steve's last year as chairman of the parade. MBCA will have to form a new committee/chairman for 2019. Joe asks for ideas for a Christmas Parade Theme. Parade Applications will be at Ameris bank.

No Halloween at Senior Center this year BUT there is a **Second Annual Costume Dance Party at Mossman Hall on Saturday October 27th 7-11PM**. All proceeds go to fighting the 11K acre Proposed Phosphate Strip Mine in Bradford/Union. Crooked Counsel will be rocking the house. \$10 at the door or buy a tix from a concerned citizen. Prizes for best costume!

Other biz...

John MacCrae wants to decorate the oak trees in the park for Xmas, Joe appoints him committee chair.

Fran says Alachua County Dems want "poll greeters" for early voting.

Liz Bryman talks about her translation of a self-help book for women w/ breast cancer. Contact Liz lizbryman@lizjewel.com for more info.

Sean Connolly talks about his biz and his non profits that benefit veterans. Here is a link to his FB page <https://www.facebook.com/GunworksLLC.FL/> He is an active member of the community and he supports local businesses and vets. Gun Works LLC.

Many thanks to all that came out for the general meeting of MBCA, no further biz...
meeting adjourns at 1:12PM

minutes submitted by S Rudolph