

Melrose Business and Community Association Board Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2012

Attendance: Board members Jennifer Pritchett, Jean Rosebrock, Marshall Bloom, William Chiappini, Chris Carson; Guest Felicity Trueblood

Welcome: President Jennifer Pritchett opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes: Jean presented the May Board meeting minutes. They were amended and approved with amendments.

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca did not attend; it was noted that she would email the report.

EXPO

Marshall stated that plans are progressing well and a committee meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012. He mentioned booth charges, room layout and signage for the event.

30th Anniversary

Jennifer noted that the Board should be considering honorees (Ed Sherwood was suggested). Also mentioned was the need to announce to Melrose that the event will highlight locally made food and wine, and currently needs a food provider. The Board agreed that event set-up will start at 5:00pm, and newly elected Board members will be introduced during the mixer. It was suggested that artifacts from MBCA and Melrose be displayed at this event. Felicity will meet with the committee.

Melrose Bay Park (MBP)

It was noted that the park tender system is still being perfected. Jennifer offered to talk to Walt Cole. William stated that tenders should make frequent day visits to remove trash and talk with park patrons. William found a volunteer to mow and trim weeds; the Board approved him for said maintenance. Jennifer will inform Walt Cole of this arrangement. Also, it was suggested that the park light be turned off at night.

GAR

It was stated that Jen Figueroa will present an award to MBCA from GAR at the July 10, 2012, membership meeting.

MBCA Meetings

July 10, 2012, 5:45pm – 7:15pm, Bellamy Road

The Board suggested contacting real estate agencies for people with rental space. Jennifer noted that the properties will be shown on Keith Bollum's media screen. Jean agreed to provide chips and dips and check MBCA's party supplies inventory (plates, napkins, etc.). The Board agreed to provide drinks and ice.

August 14, 2012

Jennifer noted that several local growers have already agreed to attend. Felicity agreed to arrange a beekeeping demonstration. Melanie Grogan offered to provide an organic lunch.

September 11, 2012

Jennifer noted that several local youth programs are interested in being involved. The Board decided that lunch will be provided by Keith's Butt Shack or Doug Kanady.

October 9, 2012

William has arranged for Don Richards to provide entrees, but noted that someone else should bring side items. William also suggested selling tickets to the cookout, and volunteered to handle the fundraising with Chris. The Board noted that tables will be needed, and suggested using Homemakers Club tables.

Melrose Rural Cluster Plan

It was stated that if MBCA adopted goals for Melrose, that would help Alachua County address this issue with Melrose and MBCA.

Marshall suggested allowing Board members to attend Board meetings via conference call when they can't attend in person.

William made a motion to purchase a canopy (for MBCA volunteers at MBP) for \$99. Approval of the motion is contingent upon Rebeca's approval of storage space at the M&S Bank.

Jennifer reminded us of upcoming meeting dates: July 10, 2012 at 5:45pm (membership); July 23, 2012 at 5:30pm (Board).

Jean Rosebrock, Secretary