

MBCA General Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2015
Location: HomeMakers Club

Officers Present: Deb Massie, Marshall Bloom, Carol Meyer, Tim Parker, Chris Carson, William Chiappini, Stasia Rudolph

Deb convenes the meeting at 12:00PM

Approx 18 people in attendance.

Deb asks those present to “go around the room” and introduce themselves and talk about their business and/or interests.

Deb updates group on the Upcoming “Holiday Mixer” to be held at the Dream Center on Friday December 11 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Food, adult beverages and live music. Welcome all Melrose citizens to meet and socialize.

Deb passes out the Merry Melrose Christmas Parade flyer. Urges all to share on social media and post/pass out locally. Marshall informs all that there is a link to parade on Melrosefl.com. Cornelius Clayton is the Grand Marshall and we are still looking for a 3rd judge.

Christine Louton updates members on ***transportation improvements*** and highlights detailed information displayed on table set-up. Christine asks for feedback to get the “word out” on the ***transportation survey due back October 25***. Now is the time for citizens to express their needs regarding public transportation. Members suggest sending flyers to “Council on Aging” in Putnam County, Keystone Lake Area Ministry etc. Christine asks for everyone’s help in getting surveys to the right locations.

Katherine Cross updates group on the **North Florida Medical for Seniors**’ location in Melrose. Patient-oriented for 65+

Linda Kemp updates group on **Rural Cluster** progression (Alachua county), process is long, but we are moving forward. *Next step* is to meet with Putnam County planning authorities to seek protections for Melrose in that county.

Gayle Bone highlights **Veteran’s Month Celebration at Gallery 26**. Local vets art will be on display in November, Veteran’s band will be playing for art walk.

Other new business:

William Chiappini- beach is quiet, port-o-pottie removed for season

CJ- library is participating in Pac-a-Sac, need gently used kid’s books to pack
need tutors to help kids become better readers, for those interested, contact

Melrose Elementary

Judy MacLaren highlights **October 24** Bellamy Road Show- Vintage Goods Sale sponsored by Historic Melrose. Hours 8am-2PM in the park. Table is \$10 but everything you sell is yours.

Judy reminds everyone that protecting Melrose is not just for a few people to commit to but it is a responsibility for all concerned citizens. Discussion ensues regarding protecting historic properties, Steve P brings up a “blocking action” where folks w/ resources can group together to buy key buildings to prevent un wanted development.

Elections held for executive and officer positions

Secretary

Deb nominates Stasia, Anne Lowry seconds. Motion passes, Stasia is new secretary.

President

Stasia nominates Joe Rush for a second term, Christine Louton seconds. Motion passes, Joe has a second term.

Replacement of retiring directors.

Marshall nominates: Tom Sapp, Christine Louton, and Linda Kemp to replace retiring directors.

Fran Rossano seconds, motion passes.

Welcome Tom, Christine and Linda to executive board.

Thank you retiring members: Carol Meyers, Chris Carson and Ed O'Bryan

Tim Parker nominated for a *second term as director* by Marshall, Fran seconds. Motion passes. Thank you Tim.

Fran Rossano reminds members that the next meeting for **Democratic Women of the Lakes** is Oct 22 at 6:30PM HomeMakers Club.

No further business, Christine make motion to adjourn, Deb seconds.
Meeting adjourned at 1:06PM

minutes submitted by S Rudolph