

MBCA 1/7/2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tom Germano, Joe Rush, Barbara Franklin, Kate Ellison, Fran Rossano, Linda Osborne, Rebecca Richardson, Pat Cunha, Deb Massie

Meeting called to order @ 3:36 p.m. by President Tom Germano

Rebecca Richardson provided a financial update and reported 10 members have paid membership for 2020

The group discussed going door to door to increase membership. We will offer membership for \$10.00 for Friends of Melrose Park which would include a T-Shirt. Membership / Voting privileges for \$20.00 which would include two T-Shirts while quantities last.

Pat raised the question of combining the Melrose organizations and the group decided to discuss that in the future, most felt combining wouldn't be beneficial being that organizations have completely different agendas.

Public meetings for 2020 will be as follows: Monday, March 20th @ 6 p.m. – Monday, May 11th @ 6 p.m. – Monday, September 14th @ 6 p.m. – Monday, October 12th @ 6 p.m. Meetings will start at 6 p.m., but from 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. refreshments will be available which will allow time to mingle. Meetings will be held at Mossman unless otherwise indicated. Kate Ellison had concerns about having 4 meetings instead of monthly but is willing to experiment to see if it works out.

The group discussed inviting HMI, Audubon, Santa Fe Lake Dwellers, Melrose Bay Property Association and Melrose Library, to our quarterly meetings. An invitation will go out to them when a reminder is sent out to the members.

The group discussed MBCA committees and they are: Beach Park (Joe Rush) – Christmas Parade (Joe Rush) – Environmental Committee (Kate Ellison) – Membership Committee (Stasia, Linda Osborne, Fran Rossano, Joe Rush). Each member meeting the committee members will give a brief update on what's going on.

The group discussed getting with Stasia about when we had the last Candidate Forum. We believe it's August, but Barbara will check with Stasia.

Deb Massie reported her new Multi-Market dates and they are as follows: 2/8/2020, 4/11/2020, 10/10/2020, 12/5/2020. For the 2/8/2020 Market, Joe Rush and Pat Cunha will represent MBCA by setting up a table and offering membership to the attendees.

Joe Rush reported the Christmas Parade went great and he is looking forward to next year. He also provided certificates for winning categories.

Fran Rossano reported she is no longer President of the Women's Club in Melrose. It's now Gloria Summer. She advised there will be a meeting at the Club on 1/23 that's open to the public from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be a speaker there giving information about Medical needs.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. After the meeting, Joe Rush gave a tour of his home for those who stayed.

Barbara Jo Franklin – MBCA Secretary