

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
November 10, 2020 @ 12:00
MELROSE BAY BEACH PARK

Meeting called to order at 12:10 by President Tom Germano. Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained due to COVID 19 unable to have the regular monthly meetings, but hopefully that will change in the future. The Board has met on a regular basis either in person or via ZOOM. Tom mentioned all the improvements to the park, such as, signs, lighting, gate and floating dock. Also, mentioned the successful July 4th boat parade with 70-75 boats participating. Tom also made the announcement that MBCA would not be sponsoring the Christmas parade this year.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Richardson distributed copies of the October 2020 report.

MBCA operating budget has a beginning balance of \$3,021.34 with deposits of \$1160.00 (donations and Membership fees) with expenditures of \$10.00 (Clay Electric) resulting in an end balance of \$4,171.34. Melrose Bay Park: Beginning balance of \$376.36, expenditure of \$72.97 (Gotta Go), with an ending balance of \$403.39. Rebecca also announced if anyone had just recently paid their 2020 dues and were voting in today's election of officers and at-large board members then you would have to pay for 2021 membership.

Jim Chapman: Update on Community Garden at Mossman Hall. There are 15 plots at the cost of \$15.00 per month. Plots are 16 x 15 with irrigation available. There is also a Home School Art Program and a New Year's Eve concert (free). See Mossman Hall website for more information.

Tom Germano gave a brief update on the RV Park at 21B/100- moving RV's in and open for business. Also, an additional 200 acres (west) purchased and being clear, but no idea what the company is doing. Spoke with Danny Reddick, Bradford County Commissioner and he had no information. Phosphate Mine – Citizens Against Phosphate mining has filed a court case in Union County with some assistance from Alachua County.

Joe Rush: Joe welcomed everyone to the beach park and called it the crown jewel of the MBCA. Stated that \$30,000.00 has been spent in the last 2 years for improvements and that the result is double/triple the use and support from the community. Membership has increased from around 30 to 100 members. Fundraiser needed for installation of toilet and drain field.

Melrose Fire Department: Joshua Florence and Chip Ware displayed the recently acquired bush truck and rescue boat. The fire/rescue had recently assisted in 5 medical emergencies. Melrose has the only

Fire/rescue boat in the west end of Putnam County. Deb Massie commented about the recent Fire Fest and Joshua announced that \$8,000.00 had been raised and the money was split Between both departments.

Election of Officers:

Nominating Committee : The following individuals were nominated for officer positions and At-large board members for 2021.

Joe Rush- Vice President
Linda Osborne-Secretary
Rebecca Richardson – Treasurer

At-Large Board Members:

Ruth Berkelman
Olivia Clulow
Karen Goff
Mandie Jones
Deb Massie
Mark Scarborough
Pat Ward
Path Mythaler
William Chiappini – (withdrew)

Nominations from the Floor: Linda Wagner – Vice President
Write-In's were also welcome

There were 33 members present
Results of the election will be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm
Submitted by Linda Osborne, Acting Recording Secretary