

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021

Meeting called to order by Tom Germano, president. Members present in person: Tom Germano, Karen Goff, Mandie Jones and Linda Osborne. Members via ZOOM – Joe Rush, Pat Ward, Deb Massey, And Ruth Berkelman.

Joe Rush initiated a discussion regard the Melrose, Fl.com website. His concerns were navigating the Website to find membership form, minutes of board and general meetings, board members, by-laws, Etc.

Tom German stated that Joe's concerns were important, but that he wanted to follow the agenda as presented.

Tom voiced a concern that Mark Scarborough, who was voted in as a board member in November Had no idea that he was a board member. After speaking with Mark, Mark indicated that he would Be will to help out whenever possible, but could not attend scheduled Board meetings. Another newly elected board member, Olivia Clulow did not appear on any list nor have an application as a paid member. Joe Rush stated emphatically that both Mark and Olivia had paid dues for 2020. However, neither names were found on member lists. The need to review the By-laws for replacing board members. With these concern, Tom stated the necessity to review the By-Laws as a group and possibility establishing a By-laws committee with group input. Joe Rush stated that according to the By-Laws, any vacancy occurring will be filled by election of the membership at the next regular meeting or special called meeting for that purpose. Tom asked for board reaction. Karen Goff, Deb Massey, and Ruth Berkelman all expressed utilizing anyone wanting to be a part of the organization and welcome their talents and willingness to serve.

Tom stated that we also need to look at committees for the beach, membership, and Christmas. He noted that William Chiappini has given him money collected from donations for the park. Also, important is 2021 membership dues for MBCA and accounting for all paid dues.

Joe Rush stated to need to fill the membership committee and hopefully the members and associates will contribute and be actively involved

Suggestion by Tom that quarterly general meeting be held with a social event, establishing an Electronic newsletter, post information on Facebook, send minutes to members, as well as posting them on the website. Mandie Jones volunteered to assist with the newsletter

General Meeting- To be held by ZOOM, in person, park or other location; state reason for meeting; Invite speakers; ask membership about their expectations Ruth Berkelman and Deb Massie would like to see business present, share experiences and amenities.

March regular meeting : Evening social meeting to be held on either March 17th or 19th at 5:30/6:00 pm At Melrose Beach Park. Post on website for members to comment.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Rebecca Richardson, presented by Tom Germano. MBCA beginning Balance was \$4,171.34;; dues and donations = \$310.00; expenditures of \$19.00 to Clay Electric resulting in an ending balance of \$4,382.34. Melrose Bay Park -beginning balance of \$403.39; expenditures of \$91.20 to Gotta Go; ending balance - \$312.18

Adjourned: 4:30 pm

Submitted by: Linda Osborne, Secretary