

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021

Meeting called to order by Tom Germano at 3:30 pm

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Tom Germano	Rebecca Richardson
Karen Goff	Mark Scarborough
Mandie Jones	Olivia Clulow
Linda Osborne	
Joe Rush	
Pat Ward	
Ruth Berkelman	
Deb Massey	

Approval of minutes: Comment from Joe Rush to include present and absent members. No second or Motion to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Tom presented the report for Rebecca Ricardson. Reported donations turned in For the Melrose Beach Park from William Chiappini totaled \$136.00. MBCA = \$4,382.34. Melrose Beach Park beginning balance = \$312.18, park donations of \$136.00 -ending balance = \$448.18

Joe Rush: Report on the Putnam County School Board's decision to close Melrose Elementary for the 2021 school year. The school board will hold a workshop on Feb. 10 and with a vote on the proposal To close on Feb. 16. Summary of proposals and the Friends of Melrose Elementary (FOME) have presented an alternate proposal. The school board has several phases and all information can be found On the Putnam County School Board website. FOME Phase 1 proposal: Keeping both Melrose Elemenatary and Ochwilla open by adding a full size 6th grade to the K-5 grades at both schools. FOME Needs to raise \$50,000.00 to complete their side of the deal

Notation: Nicole Goff, Karen Goff and Mandie Jones are creating a community school at Mossman Hall. There will be an informative gathering at the end of February (offering tutoring and addressing the needs of the community)

Melrose Library will be closing their doors to the public, but virtual classes and story time still available. All Putnam County Libraries are closing related to COVID guidelines. Books can still be checked out via On line requests.

Ruth Berkelman: Vaccination clinic for COVID

- Melrose for the month of February
- Pfizer vaccine administered by Putnam Co. Health Dept.
- Any Florida resident 65 and over for 1st dose
- 2nd dose administered in Melrose in 3 weeks

If you wish to sign up complete the form on Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/theMelroseCenter> or call 352-475-5347

By-laws: Committee appointed: Tom Germano, Karen Goff, Pat Ward and Linda Osborne. First meeting scheduled for Feb. 18th @ Mossman Hall @ 6:00 pm.

Membership: Current members? As of Jan. 1st meter resets for membership dues. Due to statement Made at the November 2020 general meeting and voting for officers and board the membership dues Paid and members voting in November, the year starts again and dues are to be paid for 2021.

Clarification of committee members for the Melrose Beach Park:

Volunteers – Pat Ward

Users – Karen Goff

Homeowner's - William Chiappini

Concerns of parking at the Melrose Beach Park by people renting kayaks , boat ramp users even though the sign says parking for park users.

Next board meeting: March 2, 2021 @ 3:30 pm

Side discussion: Purpose of MBCA- are we a service club or civic organization and if our focus is strictly on businesses.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 pm

Submitted by: Linda Osborne, Secretary