

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2021

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

Members present:

Tom Germano

Mandie Jones

Karen Goff

Pat Ward

Joe Rush

Ruth Berkelman

Linda Osborne

Members Absent:

Rebeca Richardson

Deb Massey

Mark Scarborough

Olivia Clulow

Approval of February 2, 2021. Motion to approve by Karen Goff, second by Mandie Jones. Motion carries.

Tom acknowledged Mandie Jones on the publishing the MBCA newsletter. Great job by Mandie

No treasurer's Report

Joe Rush- Reported on Melrose Elementary School. The school board reversed their decision on closing Melrose Elementary School for the 21-22 school year. Alternative plan adopted by school board- closing The middle schools. The plan is to shift the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades to the high school and made all elementary Schools K-6.

Dates and times for Board Meetings: Suggestion to change the board meeting in order to enable more Involvement in the meetings. Motion made to change board meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm. Motion by Joe Rush, second by Pat Ward. Motion carries.

Open positions: Two board members elected at the November 10, 2020 General Mtg. have not attended any meetings (Mark Scarborough, Olivia Clulow). Joe agreed to contact the two members To see what they want to do.

General Meeting/Social – Originally scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> is now being rescheduled in conjunction with the Melrose Beach Park opening for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will also have a membership drive. Pat Ward and William Chiappini have sanded and painted the Picnic tables.

Mandie Jones asked the board about the possibility of receiving membership dues via website (scan QR code), work with email communications and more interactions. Board that this was good idea and encouraged Mandie to proceed.

Issue of the 2021 Christmas Parade being co-hosted by the Melrose Patriots and advertising as such. This was tabled and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Karen Goff will contact Rebeca Richardson for porta-potty for the April 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting at the Melrose Beach Park. Other items discussed for this meeting was obtaining groups to participate and Showcase their talents, PA system, other activities. Joe Rush shared that the Lake Dwellers Association Developing a sailing club and offering sailing lessons. Joe shared that he had developed a course and this activity could be in conjunction with the April 10<sup>th</sup> beach opening and MBCA general meeting. Possibly offer sailing and swimming lessons. Ruth Berkelman will check with the Gainesville YMCA to see what they offer.

Old Business: Pat Ward gave a brief report on the By-Law committee review. The By-Law committee has met twice and one more meeting will be necessary. Pat has provided committee with line in/line out copies of the revised By-Laws.

Library: Melrose Library will break ground in March on the expansion (new roof, and a 500 sq. foot Multi purpose room. Library Association funding 60%.

Possible Upcoming Activity: MBCA participating in trash pick up for Melrose area.

Meeting adjourned: 4:22 pm

Submitted by: Linda Osborne, Secretary