

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Minutes for April 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Tom German.

Members Present:

Tom Germano
Linda Osborne
Rebeca Richardson
Mandie Jones
Karen Goff
Ruth Berkelman
Joe Rush
Pat Ward

Members Absent:

Mark Scarborough
Olivia Clulow
Deb Massie

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca Richardson – Beginning balance \$4,536.62 (Ck 2054 \$61.25 Florida Secretary of State; Clay Electric debit \$10.00. Deposit membership - \$40.00) Ending balance \$4,505.37 Melrose Bay Park – Beginning/ending balance \$386.93. No motion to approve. Gotta Go Bill averages \$75.00 per month. Porta potty delivered on 4-7-21.

Discussion: Mandie Jones opening a Stripe Acct to pay online membership dues. An account can be Created for MBCA for dues/checking and an account for park. Accounts at Ameris Bank; Mandie will meet with Rebeca to figure out details.

Event April 24th at Melrose Beach Park: Event will start at 11:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Discussion Regarding having the Beach Committee take the lead in planning activities, food, etc. After a lengthy Discussion, Joe Rush said he would bring the grill, hot dogs, chips, buns and water. Estimated number of People to serve – 50-75. Food served from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Entertainment on April 24th. At the March 2, 2021 meeting the board discussed the possibility of getting groups to participate to showcase their talents. Today the idea of having musicians perform brought up The board violating their own rule of no music/no radios. However, several board members voiced their opinions in favor of music for this one- time event. Motion made by Linda Osborne to have one musician play. Second by Karen Goff. Motion carries.

Mandie Jones working on a flyer to be sent to the membership advertising the April 24th event.

Parking Issues for April 24th: Overflow parking possibly at the church or along the street. Joe Rush Volunteered to use his RTV to shuttle participants to the park. Suggestion that William Chiappini and Pat Mythaler post something at the park advising of overflow parking availability.

Activities: Linda Osborne volunteered to bring a corn hole game.

Discussion/Decision regarding raft/swimming area/piling. Several issues were brought up :

- 1- Reimburse Michael Lavane for supplies for building the raft (approx.. \$900.00)
- 2- Contact Alachua County Commissioners jetting a piling. Jetting a piling is only needed if keeping the raft and swim rope.
- 3- Question of liability if MBCA takes over the floating dock/raft. Opinion of an attorney secured by Joe Rush- as long as MBCA does not charge admission we are protected
- 4- Joe Rush volunteered to pay for jetting the piling
- 5- Motion by Pat Word, second by Joe Rush to keeping raft with designated swimming area and payment to Michael Lavane for materials costs for building dock/raft. Second by Pat Ward. Motion carries
- 6- Joe Rush, motion for reimbursement for rope securing swimming area, second by Karen Goff. Motion carries.
- 7- Possibility of purchasing more picnic tables – Pat Ward will check on the costs.

By-Laws- Pat Ward stated that the committee met 3 times and will have all track changes, as well as a clean copy to the Board by Friday. Pat asked Rebeca Richardson to please review the Financial Section in the By-laws and the Reimbursement form.

Christmas Parade: The item was tabled at last month's meeting. Amy Stanley had suggested that the Christmas parade be co-sponsored by MBCA and Melrose Patriots. Decided that the Christmas parade be a community event and welcome anyone who wishes to help since MBCA had successfully managed the parade for 20 years. Making sure that this is a community event with no politics involved. Tom stated that he would meet with Amy Stanley to work out any issues.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm

Submitted by: Linda Osborne, Secretary