

## Old Town Business Association

Minutes from our Annual Winter Breakfast meeting on January 25 2023

President Joanne Wunderly called the meeting to order at 8:55 am. There were 19 people in attendance.

The City of Manassas was represented by Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, City Manager Pat Pate, and Economic Director Patrick Small.

After introductions were made, Joanne made a few brief remarks. Today's meeting is our Annual Winter Breakfast meeting primarily to enjoy getting together and having a full breakfast.

The minutes for our November meeting were approved. Nury Mena made the motion and Denae Lewis seconded.

Treasurer Nury Mena reported that we currently have \$9236.54 in our account at Fulton Bank.

Joanne introduced Liz Via-Gossman who has been guiding the reorganization of Historic Manassas. At the moment at HMI, there are three openings for staff. Interviews are on going and one staff position has been filled. Liz thanked all in attendance for their patience during the last six months. Going forward, Historic Manassas will concentrate on improving the following events: First Fridays, the Railroad Festival, the 4th of July Celebrate America and the Fall Jubilee.

Once it is felt that things are going well, the return of other popular events is a possibility.

Joanne thanked a number of people work tirelessly to help Manassas be all that it is.

Echoes, the Manassas Museum Store has enjoyed being discovered by the commuters while temporarily housed in the train station/Visitors Center during the time the Manassas Museum is undergoing renovation.

The Harris Pavilion will soon revert from an ice skating venue to the gathering place for the Thursday Farmers' Market, concerts and other events.

March 3 at 6 pm at Jirani's will be a reception for the Osbourn High School Art Exhibit.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center upcoming events are the Mark Morris Dance Group and Ensemble on February 11, the Bay Area Children's Theatre "Llama Llama Live" on Sunday, February 12 for two shows, and a number of workshops and programs in the Veterans and the Arts Initiative series.

Mayor Michele Davis-Younger spoke about the 150th celebration of the founding of Manassas on April 1 st at 3 pm. Festivities will be held at the Jennie Dean park.

Chip Rohr introduced Jay Colter who will be the spokesperson/contact for Ducks Unlimited. The annual fundraiser for DU will be held the last Friday in February at the Portuguese Club.

Jerry Martin spoke about VetPar's Banner program expanded to honor local veterans Chuck Colgan, John Rector and Edgar Rohr.

Door prizes winners were: Jerry Martin, Patrick Small and Chip Rohr. Door Prizes were donated by the Manassas Museum, Ducks Unlimited and The Things I Love. A big thank you to the generosity of our OTBA members!

The 50/50 yielded \$52 collected and Patricia Kouttab of Kerbobble Toys took home \$26.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

**Our Next Meeting will be February 8 th**

Jan Alten, Secretary