

Old Town Business Association

Minutes from Regular Meeting on February 8 2023

President Joanne Wunderly called the meeting to order at 8:46 am. There were 21 people in attendance.

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

After introductions were made, Joanne made a few brief remarks.

The minutes for our Annual Breakfast meeting were approved. Mary Reilly made the motion and Kristin Perper seconded.

Treasurer Nury Mena reported that we currently have \$10,002.14 in our account at Fulton Bank. as of January 31st with an outstanding check for the Christmas lights of \$2,060.

Historic Manassas - Sue Weimer, interim acting Executive Director, thanked all who have been patient during the re-organization of HMI. Sue mentioned that February's First Friday event "Souper Bowl" was a success despite the very cold weather that evening.

ARTfactory - No report

Manassas Museum - Danae Lewis said that 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 ice skating will end February 28th. The Winter Market each Saturday at the commuter parking to on Prince William street is going well.

Hylton Performing Arts Center - Tionge Johnson handed out flyers of upcoming events t the Hylton.

Parks and Recreation - Lisa Otten had posters available for the events to celebrate Manassas' 150th on April 1. The celebration will be at Jeannie Dean Park.

Manassas Police - Officer Tara Petty mentioned that two officers are assigned to the downtown area.

Guest Speaker -Mayor Michele Davis-Younger spoke about the agreement by the City to purchase the Olde Towne Inn and that building a working relationship with the owners was the key to the agreement. Tom Osina added that the owners had many offers over the years and in some cases, more than the agreed on price that the City offered. Plans for the parcel which is an entire city block were not discussed.

Since our meeting was a week before Valentine's Day, the activity was to write thoughts about "What You Love about Manassas" on hearts on each table. The majority of hearts expressed the sense of community that is evident in Manassas. All very positive remarks!

The 50/50 raffle generated \$52 and Sue Weimer won the drawing and won \$26.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32

Our Next Meeting will be March 8 th

Jan Alten, Secretary