

## OTBA Meeting May 13. 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am. The Treasurer's report was given and announcements of upcoming events were given by HMI, Manassas Museum, Center for the Arts, Welcome Center, Hylton Center, Discover Prince William/Manassas. Joanne also asked for those who have not paid their dues to do so asap as the new Guide will be worked on in the next few weeks and will go to print as soon as possible.

Topics discussed:

**First Friday** - June 5th, streets will be closed again and there will be Corn Hole boards competition and anyone in need of a board should contact Kristina with HMI for one. It was also reminded that 1st Friday is for Merchants so they need to maximize the opportunity to get customers to their stores. There will also be the battle of the Artist where the public can vote for their favorite Artist. Items will also be on sale.

The first Saturday in June will also be the **Train Festival** where patrons will be able to take the VRE Excursion trips for \$5 P/P and also board the steam engine train.

1st. Sunday in June was also discussed where there will be "**The Taste of Manassas**". There will also be Picnic for Painters at the Liberia Plantation for 12-4 on Sunday and proceeds will go towards the restoration efforts to the Center for performing arts.

It was also put out that any member or business that need **CPR training** for their staff they could ask the Fire Chief. Was also noted that North Star saw the City of Manassas in a positive light.

Mr. Mark Wolf also stated that there was a Fortune 500 company that showed a desire to relocate in Old Town but we might not be that lucky. He also noted that the pace of opportunity in Old Town Manassas is great and unique. Another take away from Mr. Wolf is that the City is in talks with VRE to secure parking spaces for the business owners on the second deck of the current parking garage.

This was the gist of what I wrote, hope it helps. I cannot make it on Wednesday because I have my Navy annual 2 weeks training so I'll be travelling.

Respectfully,

Roy ( Cutrate Barbeshop - " A cut above the rest")