

**Old Town Business Association
General Meeting**

June 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Joanne Wunderly at 8:50 am.

There were 25 people in attendance.

After introductions were made, Nury Mena gave the Treasurer's Report. As of May 31, we have \$10,206.20 in our treasury.

Approval of the May minutes was the next order of business. The minutes are one line. Beverly Hess made to motion to approve and Ann Hempen seconded. The motion passed.

Joanne made a few opening remarks: June's First Friday was well attended. Young families were plentiful in the beginning and later in the evening, more adults were present.

The Guide to Shops and Services is in production. The plan is to print in smaller numbers so that changes can be made in a more timely manner as businesses either come to Manassas or close.

We are still collecting money overdue for the Christmas Lights Program. The City furnishes the manpower and materials, the business or building owners are assessed a small fee - \$10, \$20, or \$30 depending on the size of your building. Manassas at the holiday season is a sight to behold and comments from visitors and shoppers alike all appreciate this effort.

So, if you have not paid for your Christmas Lights - **PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY!** OTBA pays the city for your lights and asks that you reimburse our treasury for your cost.

Historic Manassas - Debbie Haight spoke about:

The upcoming Jazz/Wine/Spirits Festival will be held on June 15th. The festival has moved from Fathers' Day to Saturday.

The ever popular Celebrate America 4th of July was voted number 1 out of 20 locales for the best fireworks. There will be a roof top viewing at the parking garage for a charge.

Dog Days of Summer will be the theme for First Friday in August.

New this year will be the ability to purchase alcohol and carry it within the designated areas. The geographic footprint will be roughly the same area as the Fall Jubilee. Non profits can apply to be a retail entity for alcohol purchases.

The brochures printed by HMI have been placed in area hotels and over 40,000 have been distributed.

Manassas Museum/Harris Pavilion - no report

Center for the Arts - Beverly Hess mentioned that the kickoff for Summer Camps had begun for ages 5 through adult.

Two summer intensives - "Frozen" will be held at Garfield High School in Woodbridge and "West Side Story" will be held at the Hylton in mid August. Both productions are put on by the Pied Piper Theater.

If one is interested in learning more about how to create and edit videos on your smart phone,, the CFA has a course for it - Videography and Film Editing for teens and Adults August 5 - 5..

Game Night is scheduled for June 22. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door.

The CFA also sponsors alternate Saturday night concerts at the Harris Pavilion. Concerts are a variety of genres to appeal to all and are from 6:30 to 8 pm

Welcome Center on I 66 - Kiley Wonn mentioned that the 50th anniversary of the iconic "Virginia is for Lovers" advertising campaign will be a public event on June 28th. One can get a free listing on Virginia.org - the Commonwealth's official travel and tourism website - all of Virginia's Tourism's marketing drives travelers to Virginia.org where consumers can find and book your attraction or business and learn what your locality has to offer.

Hylton Performing Arts Center - no report

Manassas Police -Officer Lance Rust said that three new recruits have graduated and will be assigned shortly.

The Annual Police Summer Camp is to be held again this year.

Lt. Tina Laguna mentioned that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday evening, August 6th.

Manassas City - Council members, Michelle Davis Younger and Ian Lovejoy were in attendance.

Patrick Small said that a new hotel will be built near the Manassas Airport. Patty Prince said that if one wanted to be included in the City's notification of events to go to www.mamassascity.org/notify-me.

Guest Speakers -Bennett Whitlock of Whitlock Wealth Management and CenterFuse spoke about CenterFuse and what is offered in the shared workspace at the corner of Center and Main Streets. In addition to several levels of membership,CenterFuse holds workshops, seminars and networking events for members. Conference rooms are also available for use.

Members can enjoy the use of CenterFuse for as little as \$10 for a day pass or rent a private office for \$800 per month. Members have access to copiers, printers, scanners, lockers in addition to complimentary water and coffee.

Bennett's program cleared up a lot of confusion about what CenterFuse offers.

There was no 50/50 raffle today.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Our next meeting will be July 10 th.

Jan Alten

Secretary