

OTBA Meeting October 9, 2018 at City Tavern

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 am by President Joanne Wunderly. There were 40 in attendance.

The minutes of our September meeting were approved. Elizabeth Bailey made the motion and Jacque Connor seconded.

Nury Mena did not give the Treasurer's report but mentioned that we have about \$8,500 in the treasury..

President Joanne Wunderly made a few announcements: The Fall Jubilee and the First Friday in October saw the Old town full with people for both events. Coming up will be the Haunted Happenings, The Veterans' Parade, The Fall Annual Gallery Walk, and Christmas House Tour on the second Sunday in December. Refreshments will be served at Liberia following the house tour.. Merchants of Old Town have enthusiastically responded to the invitation to showcase their businesses during this event.

A brief announcement about upcoming elections of OTBA officers was made by Jan Alten, Nominating Committee Chair. To date, your present officers - President Joanne Wunderly, Vice President Darlene Runalduie, Treasurer Nury Mena and Secretary Jan Alten, have all agreed to continue in office with the exception of the Newsletter position. Elizabeth Bailey is stepping down as of December 31st.

Jan Alten asked the membership for nominations to be either emailed or called to her prior to the November meeting. We will accept nominations from the floor at that meeting . Potential Board Members must be dues paying members as per our By Laws.

Because this meeting was planned to allow the candidates either running for re-election or those candidates seeking a spot on City Council, to tell a bit about themselves, our regular meeting format was not followed.

Candidates for City Council were allowed ten minutes each to introduce themselves

Marc Aveni seeking re-election for a third term on council spoke about living in Manassas for 25 years and his involvement on the Finance Committee, his time as Vice Mayor and his desire to make Manassas business friendly.

Amalfi Arias is running for the first time. Amalfi's platform calls for more cooperation with Prince William County to strengthen the area, the need for improving our schools and taking advantage of the tech boom.

Theresa Coates Ellis a resident for 30 years spoke about her involvement in various community organizations, her owning a business in Manassas and the need to strengthen education for the non college bound students.

Ken Elston seeking re-election advocates for investment in re-development, future long term planning, government that is responsive and not reactive, and a belief that funding for the school system and public safety

Rex Parr has lived in Manassas for 40 years, has held key positions on a number of Boards of Directors. Rex had four points that he spoke about: education, public safety, economic development and transportation.

Michelle Davis-Younger a life long resident of Manassas, was not able to attend but spoke to the meeting via video. Michelle advocates for improving the schools, improving the economy by expanding the tax bas and training of the police for a more diverse community.

The 50/50 raffle collected \$ 52 and the winning ticket drawn was that of Laura Coates who won \$26.

A Manassas Monopoly game supplied by HMI was won by Lee Ann of Fulton Bank.

Mayor Hal Parrish thanked OTBA for the opportunity for the candidates to speak this morning.

Beverly Hess (Center for the Arts) thanked the Celebrity 'Targets' for their participation in the Chalk Toss to raise funds for the CFA. City Council Members, Sheryl Bass, Pam Sebesky, Marc Aveni, Ian Lovejoy and Ken Elston along with contender Michelle Davis-Younger volunteered to have chalk 'bombs' thrown at them during the Fall Jubilee.

Nancy Ingram expressed that 'warm' lights on the trees instead of the 'cool' lights used last year would be more appropriate for the historic appearance in Old Town. Pat Pate, City Manager, said that that the change is official.

Flags for Heroes will once again grace the Museum lawn. Anyone interested in sponsoring a flag, please contact the Museum.

The Hylton will honor those active and veteran military on November 10 with activities from 4 - 6 followed by a concert.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Jan Alten
Secretary

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at City Tavern.