

**MANASSAS OLD TOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
November 11, 2015 MINUTES**

8:30 – CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve – Ann Hempen (Manassas Junction B&B) and seconded by Patrick Langdon (Ameriprise)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nuri Mena, Treasurer (Fulton Bank) report attached

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Veteran's Day Parade – Saturday, November 7, Gallery Walk, Friday, November 6 went very well, Lou Balboni is coordinating Xmas Lights Program with business owners and City, Newsletter by Roy Cunningham (Cut Rate Barber Shop) – check it out!

Gallery Walk – HMI suggested moving it to later in the month? Make your views known - A representative will make OTBA's views known to HMI

Jazz Cuts owner, name? gave a welcome apology about the goings on at Jazz Cuts – He has cooperated with City, fired half the staff and vows to operate a respectable family business. He also teaches barbering at Osbourn HS and was unaware of the problems.

REPORTS

HMI – no report

MANASSAS MUSEUM - no report

CENTER FOR THE ARTS – Beverly Hess – A Christmas Carol -check the schedule of events

HARRIS PAVILION - no report - 6 to 8 weeks will be ice skating

WELCOME CENTER – Kathleen Reilly – Tourism brochures on table

HYLTON CENTER – no report

DISCOVER PRINCE WILLIAM/MANASSAS – no report

HISTORIC MANASSAS RESTAURANT ALLIANCE – no report

MANASSAS CITY POLICE - Officer Steve Sneely – What to do about theft or any illegal activity at your (or any other Old Town business). Holiday time sees an upswing in theft & robbery. Business personnel should make sure that the person you report actually took something and should be able to identify or provide a description of the person. Call 703 257 8000. Under \$200 is a Misdemeanor and \$200 and over is Grand Larceny. Do not attempt to apprehend the suspect yourself! Officer Sneely encourages feedback from all of us!

Traffic: Day traffic is not going as fast as it seems. 25 mph is actually fast for a small area such as Old Town – it is lowest speed limit allowed by law except in school zones!

A pedestrian was hit at Church and Main Streets.

MANASSAS CITY FIRE AND RESCUE – no report

MANASSAS CITY GOVERNMENT – Mayor Hal Parish read Small Business Proclamation – Small business makes a difference in our community! Small Business Saturday - November 28

What's New In Your Business?

Ann Hempen suggested that if retail is down and restaurants and lodging is up – why not collaborate retail & restaurant/lodging!

Suggestion by Elizabeth Bailey (Bedrock Yoga) to collaborate and promote each other's businesses on your Facebook page.

Link all OTBA business on Facebook

OTBA could hire a social media coordinator!

Sandy Sales (Porcha's Floral Creations) will host a free class - DYS Holiday Floral Arranging - for adults and will have an opportunity for children to create an arrangement

Shops will be open later – 8:pm during the Holiday season!

Joanne says we can stay later and talk about Survey results

50/50 Raffle Winner –

ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – January 13, 2016 Winter Breakfast!