

OTBA General Meeting - minutes

June 10, 2009

Meeting called to order 8:35AM
Introduction of members.

Treasurer's report – Jan Alten – current balance is \$7,362.39; will be \$5,753.24 after bills are paid.

Guides to Shops & Services – distributed to members and various organizations.

Guest John Grzejka, Comm. of Revenue, City of Manassas – provided 1st quarter statistics; improving signs in real estate market; need to get foreclosures out of system.

HMI - Creston Owen – Railway Festival largest in 5 yrs.; will have reception area at June 21 Wine & Jazz; getting 2 to 3 new members /month; free pilot program of WiFi along walkway from Harris Pavilion.

Manassas Museum – John Verrill – 400 visitors on Railway Festival Saturday; free Sat. movies coming.

Center for the Arts – no report.

Parks and Recreation – summer activities listed.

Welcome Center – Kathleen Reilly – provided handouts and emphasized 40 trips in 40 days on website.

Harris Pavilion – no report.

President's report – meeting of OTBA board with Fire Marshal and Police Dept. regarding closing of garage on July 4th; supported plan. Center Street speeding issue – traffic calming ideas – will attempt to get speaker for next meeting - and need for OTBA and HMI to address City Council.

Guest Sharon E. Cavileer, Interim Director, Pr. Wm. Co. /Manassas Convention & Visitors Bureau – located across from hospital and funded by Transit & Occupancy Tax (hotel tax) – asked for help to keep Rt. 66 Welcome Center open by calling Senators; gave overview of their purpose: public relations, marketing, cooperative advertising; willing to be more active and partner, to include OTBA's Guide to S & S in distributions they make.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.
Submitted – Mike Flynn, Acting Secretary