

OTBA General Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009

Meeting called to order 8:35AM.
Introduction of members. 26 present.

Treasurer's report - current balance \$5,683.

Approval of May minutes - Lou Balaboni made motion, seconded.

"Guides to Shops & Services" - Mary Reilly, Creative Brush, asked that any changes needed be sent to her or to contact her.

Bob Chase provided update on Veteran's Day Parade, set for 11/7/09 Saturday. Approximately 92 WWII veterans have been identified in this area. Distributed sheet with data for purchasing ads in the Souvenir Program Book. OTBA will participate with displays and discounts for veterans that week.

Joanne Wunderly - update on promotions committee from HMI - advised we will have "Friday after Five" starting first Friday in Sept. More to follow.

Manassas Museum - 2nd edition of the cookbook is now available. Today's meeting moved due to student summer classes.

Center for the Arts - update on Summer Sounds Program and camps starting.

Community Development (Parks & Recreation) - update on summer activities including Week of Hope project.

Harris Pavilion - middle of busy season now.

Chamber of Commerce - new directory available and copies on hand for all to take.

Manassas Police Department - no major issues at July 4th activities - a few lost keys and children but resolved. re: pedestrian stand at Center & West - Public Works responsible for it. Will check on permanent placement.

Mayor Parrish comments - positive comments about July 4th weekend; announced the anonymous donor has again offered City the donation of cost for fireworks for July 4, 2010. A Thank You was written by him to the donor.

Guest Sheryl Bass, newest City Council member - on board four weeks. Meeting citizens, staff, etc. Offered support for "3/50" project, which she saw in a publication in Richmond and VA Beach.

Lou Balboni - commented on signage committee work. Consultant putting package together for review, hopefully in next few weeks.

The Travel Writers tour group is coming to Manassas 7/23/09. Goodie bag items (25) can be brought to Patty at HMI.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20AM.

Next general meeting Sept. 9 Wed. 8:30AM