

Property Owners Association General Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the President, Elaine Dreidame, at 7:00 PM.

Present: Elaine Dreidame, Bill Garner, Carolyn Reichel, Ken Copp, Sal Torname, Ron Husted, Ray Banks.

Excused: Jerry Ferlisi, Myron Henry. Residents: 315

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Elaine presented the treasurer's report in Jerry's absence. Opening balance 2/1/2012 \$46,544; receipts \$29,037 with dues being \$18,520 and donations \$5,424; expenses were \$7,728 with Bulletin expenses \$7140; net operating cash flow of \$21,309 and ending balance of \$67,853.

Jerry Vicenti gave the membership report noting that we now have 4200 household members which equals the total for 2011. There will be another membership mailing soon hoping to reach the 1000 households that have not renewed their membership in 2012.

Betty Cunningham gave the SHINE update encouraging attendees of the free services they provide. Their meeting dates can be found in the daily SUN.

Elaine introduced a new Bulletin advertiser, villagesdeals.com, that offers coupons not found in the SUN or on the radio that are for use with local merchants. This is a family owned business, the principles who reside in the Villages. After a brief explanation of their services, they requested we sign up for their site and refer our favorite local merchants to them.

There were 3 winners of \$30 each in our cash raffle. Elaine thanked Bob and Carol Muscle for managing the program for us.

Elaine introduced Dave Gott, POA member and owner of "Real Cool", a new company focusing on A/C and Heating services to residents of the Villages. Dave worked with Ray Micucci in solving the issues related to the underground tubing running from many air conditions.

Open Forum: Janet Tutt, District Manager, and Rich Lambrecht, AAC member joined Elaine and the POA is addressing questions from residents:

Rich Lambrecht made a presentation related to the expenses for developing Live Oak Park on Morse Blvd at CR #466. The issue is how will the expenses associated with this development be paid by residents? Florida Statutes Chapter 190, Community Development Districts, describes the governmental structure on which the Villages is managed. The SLRDD (Sumter Landing Community Development District, created 3/27/2012 is "responsible for providing amenity services to all residents south of CR 466 including 11,613 rooftops whose amenities are still owned by The Villages of Lake Sumter, Inc." Further, the SLRDD "levies maintenance assessments (taxes) on commercial property owners located within the VCRDD geographical boundary (Lake Sumter Landing) to provide maintenance for those properties". Rich advised residents to become involved in determining how the \$130,000 cost of developing the park

should be funded by residents – amenity fees or maintenance fee? The amenity supports the needs of recreation in the Villages. The rate is set yearly and increases based on the CPI (consumer price index). The maintenance fee, covering such items such as the flowers in common areas, is included on a resident's annual tax bill. It reflects the costs involved from the previous year.

A question arose concerning shrubbery at the Calumet gate that the resident feels interferes with a driver's ability to see traffic. Resident was directed to call Customer Service at 753-4508 for any such need.

The current watering restrictions are from the State due to lack of rain water.

Cart Safety – several questions related to movement of golf cart traffic into and out of automobile traffic lanes. Those questions come under the guidance of Sumter County where they can be considered.

Speaker: Bob Kaufman and John Smith III presented a summary of the activities that Senior vs. Crime provide to assist residents of the Villages. Seniors vs. Crime is a special project of the attorney general's office founded in 1989 with 3600 volunteers state-wide. Residents can access their services in person at their offices. Locations and hours are available in the SUN. Residents need to provide some form of a contract and proof of payment. The organization is not allowed to provide vendor specific information other than the number of contacts the organization in question may have had may have had with Seniors vs. Crime. Residents are encouraged to call prior to engaging a vendor for information that is available.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Refreshments and good conversation were available after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary