

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

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

Present: Elaine Dreidame, Bill Garner, Jerry Ferlisi, Carolyn Reichel, Ken Copp, Jerry Vicenti, Ray Banks, Paul Fuscoe, Bill Von Dohlen, Sal Torname. Excused: Ron Husted, Frank Carr.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Jerry Ferlisi presented the Treasurer's report: the ending balance July 31, 2012 moved to \$74,205 from \$73,306 June 30. Receipts were \$9,525 primarily due to ad revenue of \$10,717. Expenses totaled \$7,098 with the Bulletin expenses leading the way.

Jerry Vicenti presented the Membership report noting that we are close to our 2012 goal of 5200 household members. Members who need a new membership card for discounts can obtain one at the back of the room.

Betty Cunningham, area Director of SHINE, explained that SHINE will increase the days counselors will be available with the upcoming open enrollment period October 15 – December 7. Dates and times of counseling sites will be in the SUN. Drug companies are changing the categories of drugs available, so be sure to check your drug plan prior to re-enrolling for 2013. SHINE is available to assist you, or you can check at www.Medicare.gov.

There were 3 lucky winners of \$30 each in the cash raffle.

Elaine reminded attendees that we have representatives from National Reverse Mortgages, SHINE, Seniors vs. Crime, and the Villages Community Development Districts available at the back of the room with handouts and information for individual questions after the meeting.

Elaine announced that due to increased attendance, we have added an overflow room next door with audio available. We hope to also have video available at future meetings.

Elaine stated that recently the Villages had 2 golf cart fatalities, both instances were single cart incidents with the passenger falling out onto the pavement head first. Columbia Par Car will have an ad in the September Bulletin with information on installing seat belts.

Janet Tutt, District Manager and Rich Lambrecht, AAC Member were available to assist Elaine answer audience questions as follows:

A question arose involving changing the deed restrictions relative to posting for sale signs and the possibility of a law suit if a freedom of speech issue arises. Elaine responded that one possibility would be to force a test case. The problem is that the District Boards at times hear from the most inflamed while others, possibly the majority do not speak up. It is important for all Villagers to be knowledgeable about their Board meetings and share their views with their Board Supervisors. An

interesting side effect of this situation is, if your district removes the signage rule from their matrix, you lose your right to complain about a violation. All this makes this a bigger decision than one might imagine on first glance.

Another question surfaced relating to a property in foreclosure with little attention to the appearance of the yard. Janet responded stating that Community Standards addresses those issues. A property in foreclosure is not owned by a bank making it unsavory to them to accept responsibility. Call that office for information on how to proceed if such a problem arises, and how to manage any expenses involved with maintaining the property until it is sold.

Another resident questioned who owns a tree that hangs over a property line onto another property, and of course needs trimming. The answer is that the tree belongs to the party on which the trunk is rooted, and any branches over your property are yours to maintain, if you desire. Some utilize a vertical trimming process eliminating all branches on your property.

The water restrictions have been lifted allowing residents to water twice a week.

The speaker, Rob Wyatt, a Village resident and member of National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association presented an interesting and informative description of how and when to consider a reverse mortgage. He stated that zip code 32162 is second in the country for the number of reverse mortgages.

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

Coffee, donuts and good conversation with vendors and friends were available after the meeting at the back of the room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary