

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 18, 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, Sal Torname, Frank Carr. Excused: Ron Husted, Myron Henry

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as read.

Jerry presented the Treasurer's report as follows: opening balance \$74,205, revenues \$16,539, expenses \$6,938, ending balance \$83,806.

Betty Cunningham, area coordinator for SHINE, reported that SHINE is sponsored by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. SHINE counselors are well trained volunteers available year round including the upcoming Open Enrollment period for Medicare D from October 15 to December 7, 2012. Betty informed attendees that companies selling Part D policies have expanded their "drug tiers" as well as the co-payment amounts per tier. Beneficiaries need to check their coverage to assure the company they had in 2012 will have the coverage they need in 2013. Toward this end, SHINE is available as noted in the SUN, or at www.Medicaregov.

Elaine reminded attendees that tables in the back of the room have been provided for sponsors of SHINE, Seniors v Crime, Villages Community Development Districts, and tonight's feature speakers. They will be available after the meeting for individual questions.

Candidates running for office in Sumter County who requested two minutes to present themselves and their qualifications to the membership were given the floor. Those participating were: Jerry Ferlisi and Carolyn Reichel from CDD #5, Jerry Vicenti and Bill VonDohlen from CDD #7, Gene Murray from CDD #8, and Norman Davis running for Sumter County Commissioner. Elaine asked if there were other candidates who wanted to speak; there were none.

Bill Garner asked for interested residents to assist candidates at the polls. Sign-up was available at the back of the room.

There were three lucky winners of \$30 each at the cash raffle.

OPEN FORUM: Janet Tutt District Manager and Rich Lambrecht AAC member were available to assist Elaine in answering questions as follows:

A resident complained that the new chairs at poolside were difficult for seniors to manage – no arms and a chair frame support that interferes with a guests comfort when lying down. Janet reported that the pool furniture is now standardized and selected after much comparison of safety, comfort and quality in a commercial setting.

Another resident spoke about "smart meters" she understands are to replace electrical meters on resident's homes. Her information is that they are a health risk exposing residents to radiation. Elaine responded that electrical meters come under the guidance of SECO and the Public Service Commission. Concerns need to be directed to them.

There was a question relating to the number of handicapped parking spaces available in the Villages. Janet replied that the number is in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The problem in the Villages is based on the number of seniors living here.

Speakers representing senior living options in and around the Villages including all levels of care from independent living to assisted living, memory care facilities, and skilled nursing facilities were available as follows:

Mission Oaks, Dori Beard

Steeplechase, David Lowell

Lexington Park, Bonnie Reidy

Sumter Place, Amy Cearley

Freedom Point, Walt Stroly

All were available for questions and literature after the presentations.

Next month's speaker will be Karen Krauss, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Donuts, coffee and good information were available at the back of the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary