



The Property Owners Association, Inc.

The Villages, FL

POA MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF March 19, 2013 Draft

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Dreidame at 7:00 PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

1. **Roll call. Members Present:** Ray Banks, Ken Copp, Elaine Dreidame, Paul Fusco, Bill Garner, Myron Henry, Ed Highland, Ron Husted, Mary Paulsboe, Jerry Vicenti, Sal Torname.
Excused: Jerry Ferlisi and Carolyn Reichel.
2. **Approval of the February 2013 Board minutes.** The minutes were approved as read by substitute secretary Myron Henry.
3. **Treasurer's report.** The report was presented by Vice President Bill Garner pitch-hitting for Treasurer Jerry Ferlisi. He noted that total operating expenses for February were \$10,131 while total revenue was \$15,018. YTD totals were \$21,382 for operating expenses and \$51,720 for receipts.
4. **Membership Report.**
This report was presented by Membership chairperson Jerry Vicenti. He noted that membership renewals have been robust with about 2,000 members renewing in February and over 5,000 renewals in by mid March.
5. **Shine**
Betty Cunningham gave the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders) report. In total, SHINE has about 25 volunteers helping out. Please contact Betty Cunningham (SHINE was represented at the back of the room) with any questions about Medicare and other health insurance needs or questions related to seniors.
6. **Tables in the back of the room.**
President Dreidame reminded POA members that helpful information could be obtained from representatives at tables in the back of the room (e.g., SHINE representatives, District staff representatives, and others). Elaine also mentioned that POA members in the overflow room could come into the main room to ask questions of representatives in the back, and that they could pose questions at the open forum to follow.
8. **Cash Raffle.** There were three lucky winners who pocketed \$30 each.
9. **Open Forum.**
Janet Tutt, Rich Lambrecht, and Elaine Dreidame responded to questions and comments including the following.
 - a) The Resident Irish parade (March 18) generated praise and discussion about future parades. The issue of parades (sponsorship, support from the district, costs, publicity, and participation) generated much spirited discussion. It was noted that attendance at the parade was quite notable. Still to come are Italian and German parades which are also in need of support.
 - b) The IRS investigation again generated discussion, in part based upon articles appearing in the *Daily Sun* that seemed to suggest that the IRS had accepted the method used to determine the

selling price by the Developer for assets (e.g., recreation centers, executive golf courses, etc. primarily located north of SR 466) purchased and now owned by the Central District. It was pointed out that this was a local interpretation, not one offered publicly by the IRS. The issue of whether or not The Villages can claim to be a public entity and thereby be eligible to issue tax exempt bonds still looms.

- c) Rich Lambrecht commented on discussions about the possibility of CDD consolidation. These discussions are at a preliminary stage as information regarding CDD consolidation is being sought and examined. Additional discussion involving CDD 3 and consolidation may occur in April.
 - d) A resident of the Village of Charlotte expressed concern about blowing sand and dirt in adjacent construction areas. Janet Tutt will look into this.
 - e) A resident raised a question about responsibility for dog bites. Janet Tutt suggested that there are laws on the books and that a law enforcement agent be contacted.
 - f) One resident stated that there is one glaring absence in The Villages deed restrictions: apparently there is no limitation on what color one can paint the exterior of a home. In response, it was noted that the restrictions state that any modification or alteration must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The language begins with the construction process and then goes into modifications, etc. It has always been the intent of the Developer that repainting of homes was not part of that deed restriction, but the contract does not address repainting of homes specifically. For example, in Villa restrictions it specifically states that prior to repainting one must go before the ARC for the colors. District legal counsel has advised that if a CDD Board chooses to interpret deed restrictions to include repainting of homes that the Boards can elect to do so. In researching the area, District staff determined that it would be a monumental task. However, several residents will make a presentation on the topic at the March meeting of CDD #1 supervisors.
 - g) A question on RVs parked on streets was raised. In response, it was noted that the streets are public so RVs are permitted to park in the street for up to 72 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading. However, if at any time it becomes a safety issue (e.g., an emergency vehicle could not pass or the flow of traffic would be detained) then law enforcement should be contacted.
 - h) Another resident asked what could be done about excessive noise coming from the inside of a house? In response, it was noted that if there a complaint, staff turns that over to the Developer's representative to check out.
 - i) Another question dealt with appealing a negative decision regarding an Architectural Review Application. An appeal is possible, and if the appealing resident has any questions, then the resident needs to confer with the deed compliance office. *a residential Board*
10. **Guest speaker was Lt. Wolfe of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office** – A summary of his presentation will be included in the May POA Bulletin
At the conclusion of Lt. Wolfe's presentation, he received a well earned applause of appreciation from POA members.
11. **Adjournment.** President Elaine Dreidame thanked members for attending and participating in the meeting, and then called for adjournment in favor of coffee and donuts at the back of the room.