

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Elaine Dredame, at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: see roster

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Elaine informed residents of the changes to the POA Board as follows: Bill Garner, former Vice President, resigned and was replaced by Jerry Ferlisi who moved from Treasurer to Vice President; with Ed Highland moving in to the Treasurer position; and Frank Carr coming back to the Board as Financial Systems Coordinator.

Ed Highland, Treasurer, presented the Treasurers' report noting Operating cash flow increased in July by \$2,152 bringing the ending operating cash balance to \$106,171. Receipts in July were \$10,211 exceeding disbursements of \$8,059. Advertising revenues represented 89% of receipts totaling \$9,110.

Jerry Vicenti presented the Membership report indicating new memberships are slow at this point in the year. We experienced a banner 2012 with 621 more household members than 2011. The recent occurrence of the WALL was a reminder of the POA's effort to address issues of importance to residents.

Carolyn Reichel presented the SHINE report for Betty Cunningham briefly describing the benefits offered by Medicaid in Florida. There are no Medicare updates at this time. Stay tuned.

Melissa Cate, Operations Manager for Tom Grizzard Realty explained that the Villages is currently experiencing a sellers' market. She announced an Open House to be held September 3, 2013 for Villagers and presented statistics indicating her company's home sales increased 70.5 % over previous years. Elaine thanked her for donating the donuts for everyone's enjoyment after the meeting.

Elaine acknowledged those present at the back of the room for information and individual questions: Seniors vs. Crime, Lightning Study Group, and District Staff.

Winnings were presented to the three lucky winners of the Cash Raffle.

Open Forum: Rich Lambrecht, AAC Members joined the POA in responding to resident's questions:

Elaine announced that the most recent IRS letter indicated that there is no change from their previous position that the commercial CDD's are not tax exempt entities.

Orange Blossom restaurant is awaiting removal of equipment. Meanwhile, potential proprietors are lining up. The TIKI bar is not open but on week-ends from 11AM to 7PM the Sunset Café caters hot dogs and burgers and sells soft drinks, beer and wine.

Elaine announced that the WALL is down. Currently the Town of Lady Lake's attorney is investigating the type of gate to place – push button or secure. When the decision is made, a gate will be installed and Villages residents will have use of the path.

Several residents noted the round-about at Morse Blvd. and the intersection of El Camino Real and Page place is unsafe in its current form. Rich Lambrecht stated that he will take the issue to the AAC to speak with Janet Tutt about improvements to make it safer.

A resident read a letter describing the history of recent Mallory break-ins. Elaine explained that we need to deal with facts, not rumors. Residents worried about "suspicious" activity needs to be reported to the Sheriff not Community Watch. After reported to the Sheriff's office, make the POA aware and we will attempt to track real problems.

Another resident questioned if and where golf carts can cross Highway #441. The response is that the legislature leaves this to the counties to decide. Questions should be addressed to the County Commissioners.

A question was raised as to who our District Manager Janet Tutt is responsible to – the Developer or the residents. Elaine stated that the answer is somewhat elusive as she is ~~paid~~ hired by the Developer **controlled VCCDD Board**, yet the District Manager to all residents. A difficult position to be in. It is important for residents to become knowledgeable and involved in the matters brought before their individual Boards to assure that the interests of residents are addressed.

Speaker: Joe Pine of Metro Crime prevention of Florida spoke to the group about resident safety and crime prevention. He addressed issues related to your home, property and neighborhood. He described identity theft as America's No 1 crime and provided ideas for residents to protect themselves, their property and money.

Next month Len Hathaway will discuss lightning rods – do they work? – who needs them.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary