

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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

Present: see roster

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as read. There was one update however, the Sunset Café recently located at the Orange Blossom pool, has been removed due to lack of business.

Ed presented the Treasurer's report: operating cash increased by \$1,331 in August bringing the operating cash balance to \$107,502; August receipts of \$9,241 exceeded expenses of \$7,668; and advertising income accounted for \$7,668 of our income.

Jerry Vicenti presented the Membership report thanking members for their support of the POA. Our membership solicitation starts November 1 and ends October 31, therefore dues will no longer be collected for calendar year 2013. Notice of 2014 dues will include an Email notice in November followed by a postal mailing in early January to those whose dues have not been received.

Betty Cunningham spoke for SHINE noting that beneficiaries who are members of a Part D plan need to check their plan for changes to be implemented in 2014. Drugs may be eliminated from their formulary, tiers may change for individual drugs and changes can be expensive for beneficiaries who don't plan. SHINE is available with free unbiased assistance at additional locations during the Open Enrollment Period as identified in the SUN.

Elaine reminded attendees that assistance is available at the tables in the back of the room after the meeting including Seniors vs. Crime, the Lightning Study Group, and District staff.

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

Open Forum: Rich Lambrecht, AAC member, was on hand to assist in answering questions from the audience.

Elaine updated members on the District's response to the IRS's most recent letter. A new point was put forward in their response: if the IRS determines that its position will prevail, the case was made as to why the IRS decision should be implemented going forward only and not be retroactive. Residents can follow the dialogue at Districtgov.org.

Elaine discussed the removal of the WALL reporting that a gate accepting Villages ID's only will be installed.

Reports of thefts in the Villages need to be met with residents doing their part to prevent crimes. Leaving the keys in your golf cart or automobile leave you open to having it stolen; open garage doors invite unwelcomed guests. Please don't encourage criminal activity.

Country club restaurants- Orange Blossom, El Santiago, Tierra Del Sol: Rich Lambrecht updated attendees on the specifics of each of these facilities. It is important for residents to stay informed; get involved. This is your community; your money; your entertainment. Speak up for your point of view.

A question was raised about the benches seen throughout the Villages. There is a finite number. And, there are rules on how they are distributed, the cost, and the use thereof.

Another resident expressed concern over vegetation obscuring the view of vehicles exiting gates which golf cart drivers cannot see. Report such matters to District Customer Service at 753-4508.

A concern was raised about teenagers in Brownwood later in the evening. Wildwood does have a police station in Brownwood - let them know your concerns.

A final question concerned the Village of Hemmingway and their issue with roofs. The Villager complained that his real estate broker did not inform him of the need to extend the warranty of his roof with Owens within 30 days of purchasing a used home which will result in his having to spend his own money to replace the roof.

Speaker – Len Hathaway, leader of the Villages Study Group on Lightning, made a presentation offering research studies findings on the value of installing a lightning protection system on your home. He stated that the Florida law requires commercial buildings to utilize such systems, but not residential properties. Further he discussed the CSST tubing utilized in many Village homes as a less expensive alternative to solid tubing to enclose gas lines. According to his figures, there have been 8 fires in Village homes from lightning strikes – all without lightning protection and none with protection. Members had many questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary