



The Property Owners Association, Inc. The Villages, FL

POA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2015

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:** Ken Copp, Barbara DeCoste, Elaine Dreidame, Jerry Ferlisi, Myron Henry, Donna Kempa, Bill Schikora, Sal Torname, Jerry Vicenti, and Ron Husted. *Excused:* Cliff Wiener and Carolyn Reichel.
2. **Approval of the April 17, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes.** The minutes were approved as read by substitute secretary Myron Henry.
3. **Treasurer's report.** The report was presented by Treasurer Donna Kempa. The POA began the month of April with an operating cash balance of \$130,669.06. Receipts for the month of April were \$9,970.54, and expenses were \$11,465.1813. Therefore there was a net cash flow decrease of (\$1,494.18) for the month of April resulting in an operating cash balance at the end of April of \$129,174.42. Most of the increase in costs continues to be for distributing the *POA Bulletin* to more and more households in The Villages. Approximately 52,000 copies of the Bulletin are now distributed monthly. The POA Board designated reserve accounts remain at previous levels, as does the legal fund.
4. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairperson Jerry Vicenti reported that dues paying households will be about 7,000 by the end of the 2015 dues paying date. Another cycle of renewal notices has been mailed. Jerry V. expects membership to eventually be up notably over last year, in part because of all the new residents in The Villages. Jerry V. thanked those present for being so supportive of the POA and for renewing their memberships.
5. **Back Table.** President Elaine Dreidame noted that representatives from SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders), Seniors Vs Crime, Lightning, and the District Government were at the back table with relevant information and to respond to questions. Betty Cunningham from SHINE stated that help is available for seniors from SHINE volunteers at the Eisenhower, Chula Vista, and Lake Miona recreation centers.
6. **Cash Raffle.** There were three lucky winners who pocketed \$30 each.
7. **Open Forum.** Elaine Dreidame and others (including POA members in the audience) offered comments and responded to the questions that follow
 - One resident from CDD #4 commented that more reflectors on recreation trail islands were needed and helpful, as is yellow striping leading up to islands.
 - A resident stated that curb striping with white reflective paint and/or curb reflectors is a big safety move in the right direction for golf carts on recreation trails.
 - The topic of locations for bus pickups for nearby trips was raised. As of now, bus parking and pickups have been ruled out in parking lots located within The Villages. The POA is hoping a study group will be formed to exam the issue of bus parking at recreation centers.

— Perhaps bus parking can be permitted for occasions involving functions sponsored by officially recognized resident life style clubs. Residents would need their Village ID's to board the bus for a club sponsored trip.

- The issue of poor receptions of signals from Verizon was again brought up. There have been nearly 500 complaints about Verizon signal receptions. There still is no "official action" from high level Verizon officials, but they are communicating with the POA..

8. The Guest speaker was Dr. Norman Anderson, CEO of the Boissoneault Oncology Institute.

~~Dr. Anderson first introduced other members of his team who were present.~~ He then gave an extensive presentation that included power point slides on "New Approaches to Cancer Treatment that Change the Horizon." Part of his focus was on "less is more." This part of his discussion suggested that smaller dosages of radiation more often may be more effective and cause less damage to other body cells. Based on his analysis of patients, Dr. Anderson concluded that smaller dosages twice a day are 20 to 25% more effective than a large dosage once a day. Numerous attendees came forward to ask questions of Dr. Anderson following his presentation. More extensive coverage of Dr. Anderson's presentation will appear in a future *POA Bulletin*.

9. June POA Membership Meeting Speaker. Next month a representative of SECO (Sumter Electric Cooperative) will talk about ways to effectively save energy consumption at our homes.

10. Adjournment. President Elaine Dreidame thanked POA 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.

Minutes submitted by POA Board Member Myron Henry substituting for Secretary Carolyn Reichel.