

POA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cliff Weiner, at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have given their lives for us all.

Roll call showed all board members present with the exception of Jerry Ferlisi, excused.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

The treasurers report indicated receipts in July 2017 were \$6,769, expenses \$11,996 leaving us with a negative cash flow of \$6,227 and operating cash of \$173,062.

Membership reported that thanks to all of you our numbers are up, but we still need to find ways for Villagers new to our community to have a better understanding of us and what we do. Toward that goal you will be hearing more from us in the year to come.

Rob Milazzo of SHINE explained to attendees that the federal government has, at this time, removed our organization from the proposed 2018 budget. In an effort to let Washington know that we disagree with this, he had available a notice with the names and contact information for our governmental representatives along with a post card to mail to them.

The cash raffle yielded \$30 to each of three lucky winners.

Open Forum is where we turn the microphone over to residents to express whatever thought they wish:

Are ambassadors on the golf courses able to provide first aid?

Is soliciting allowed in the Villages?

Do not discard mail that you do not want in the trash basket at postal stations for your personal security.

Speaker: Lt. Seimer, District Supervisor from Sumter County Sheriff's Office, spoke about free programs available to protect every resident. They include:

Vial of life – for storing medical information that may be valuable in case of an emergency.

Peace of mine – where you call the sheriff daily to check in and they will call you if you do not call in.

Scent kit – for memory patients to store your scent to be used by a dog in case you wander away.

Free home inspection to look for security issues.

Code red system – weather alert – a new system has been implemented.

Telephone scams.

Many questions were asked from the audience. This talk provided important information for all Villagers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary