

**POA Membership Meeting  
July 16, 2019**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- All Board members were present, excused: Reb Benson, Sai Torname, Tita Dumagsa and Susan Ball.
- Organizations present: Seniors vs. Crime, Foxfire Realty, SHINE, SECO, Len Hathaway (Lightning), and Carrie Duckett (District Office).
- June Membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurers Report (Donna): \$10,089 operating loss for June; operating balance: \$147,982.58.
- Membership Report (Bill): Email blast last week to POA members regarding priority tickets for 19 October Shredding event. Over 400 responses to date (1st come, 1st served). Will likely sell out.
- Raffle: 3 winners of \$30 cash each. Gale Knoll donated his winnings back to POA.

**Announcements:**

- Important Sumter County Commissioners meeting on July 23, 5pm, at Colony Recreation Center. At issue is the 25% property tax increase proposal. Everyone encouraged to attend.
- CERT volunteered to assist at POA Shredding Event; POA members encouraged to volunteer.

**Member Questions:**

- Calumet Grove resident asked how to find out if her area had an AED program. Cliff encouraged anyone without an AED program to get their neighbors together and contact POA for assistance.
- Fenney resident asked if the amounts quoted for their area AED program made sense. They were a very large group, 15 AEDs needed, so hence a large amount of funds would be needed.
- New member asked how to get Priority Shredding tickets since they didn't receive the POA email offering tickets. Cliff asked her to see him or Bill after the meeting to place her order.
- When is Calumet Grove Blvd construction going to be done? Ans: At least two more months.

**Speaker:** Kim Walters, SECO, spoke on "Energy Saving Tips"

- SECO offers free energy/solar assessments or audits, high usage inquiries, infrared audits, and answer any energy related question. Can also make an in-home assessment of your equipment.
- Top home energy consumption: Air Conditioning (50%), Hot Water (16%) & Refrigeration (10%).
  - A/C recommendations: 78 to 80 for cooling, 68 to 70 for heating, 60% humidity control, use ceiling fans, consider newer thermostats, always use "automatic" fan setting, change filters often, (write date on filter) and check ductwork for leaks (if high usage). Make only small (1-2 degree) thermostat adjustments. Consider new light bulbs (more efficient and reduce heat...60 watt incandescent = 13 watts while same LED = 6 watts). Insist on NATE certified technicians.
  - Water Heating: Set at 120 to 125 degrees. New heat pump water heaters 3 times more efficient than standard, and install easily.
  - Refrigeration: Check temperature settings, clean coils, check door seals and defrost frequently.
- Regarding "building envelope": Have good insulation and windows, insulated lanais, and light-colored shingles/paint (will reflect sunlight instead of absorbing it). Fix leaks around doors, windows, ceiling, ducts, fireplaces and any other place where outside air can intrude. Use caulk and weather stripping. Radiant barriers can be useful when placed on the roofline.
- Pool pumps: 6 to 8 hours in the summer, 4 to 5 hours during winter.
- Phantom loads "steal" energy throughout the home. Any device with a light, such as cable boxes, TVs, VCRs, phone chargers, etc. are using electricity all the time.
- Use landscaping to reduce your A/C load up to 25%. Plant strategically.
- Fans cool people, not air. Turn off when room is vacant.
- Use outdoor grills, crockpots, pressure cookers, toaster ovens, etc. instead of oven when possible.
- Use cold water to wash your clothes (save at least 50 cents per load).

Ms. Walters then answered many questions, with several having already been discussed. Of particular interest was information on heating/cooling enclosed lanais. The new "split" systems seem to be highly regarded and are relatively easy to install. One person had an ongoing complaint/issue with repetitive power outages, the SECO representatives were eager to assist him with this issue. Another asked how efficient were solar powered attic fans; answer: "not very."

Cliff announced that next month's speaker will be NSCUDD, at Eisenhower Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Cathy Peppers