

**Property Owners Association of The Villages
General Membership Meeting
January 18, 2022**

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

- Board members present: All except Donna Kempa and Karen Lambert, excused.
- Members present: Approximately 45 with about 350 livestreaming.
- Organizations present: Hospital Auxiliary, Seniors vs. Crime, District Management and Realty Executives.
- December membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurer Report (Jerry Ferlisi): December income: \$54,544; expenses: \$25,401; net gain: \$29,143; and, operating funds: \$155,951. Large increase in income due to many ad renewals coming in early and increased expenses due to end of year items.
- Raffle: Three winners of \$30 each.

Announcements:

- Cliff introduced the Sumter County Commissioner (Gary Search) and District Supervisors (Sal Torname, Andrew Curtis, Mark Hayes, Andrew Bilardello, Jerry Ferlisi and himself) in attendance.
- Cliff talked about the Vials for Life Program, stating its importance.
- Cliff mentioned the member only (via a ticket) shredding event on April 9, 2022 and that members who get a ticket can also donate, if so inclined, to Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers).
- Cliff mentioned that live-streaming the meetings is doing well and noted to Carrie Duckett, Deputy District Manager, that he will raise with management the need to live-stream their meetings.
- Cliff mentioned the ability to provide a POA overview brief to any groups that would like one.
- Cliff talked about the AED program, stating he or Sal can provide a presentation on how to get started and since they are both certified can accomplish CPR certification for those that need it, or folks can get that certification thru Public Safety or Ready Alert for a cost.
- Cliff mentioned Kenny Blocker, new District Manager, in February at Everglades; Cheryl Chestnut, The Villages Regional Hospital (TVRH), in March; Dr. Anderson, RBOI, in April, Honor Flight in May, Len Hathaway on Lightening in June and probably candidate night in July and/or August.
- Cliff mentioned folks must submit a list of what they might have in First Responder equipment to District Management by about January 28th and they will decide what goes in the new recreation center near SR-42. He thought the recreation center might be open by July 4th.
- Cliff mentioned that in reference to the issue with a couple Sumter County Commissioner regarding Sunshine Laws, wait for the rest of the story...it's not what you read in the papers.

Questions:

- Is anyone running against our district Delegate Brett Hage? **Ans:** Yes, looks like at least a couple folks might. POA Board member Andrew Curtis was mentioned and another gentleman (Ash Marwah) stood up and stated why he is running for District 33. Cliff mentioned the POA will have a candidate's night so all can hear from those running for various positions up for election.
- Anything on the villa's in Hacienda South? **Ans:** No, but suspect the developer is waiting on final plans for where the Hacienda Hills Country Club was until seeing what is approved by Lady Lake Council for the Spanish Springs Town Center. Developer submitted apartment plans for Spanish Springs quickly after Lady Lake rescinded the 1987 town center agreement.
- What about the Spanish Springs movie theater? **Ans:** Not sure, building permit expired a year ago. Developer has been silent on plans, obviously it seems they are good with Lake Sumter (Old Mill) running movies but not sure about the re-opening of Brownwood or renovation of Spanish Springs.
- Request for all to help Oren Miller and Gary Search regarding defense of the allegations against them by supporting their go fund me sites. Gary then addressed the audience to state he never lied to the Attorney General (the perjury charges filed) and will spend whatever it takes to prove this. He came here to enjoy retirement, but after seeing how the Sumter County Commissioners treated the residents at budget hearing meetings during the proposed (and passed) over 25% increase a

couple years ago, he decided to run. Since being elected it has been nothing but intimidation and harassment...by local media (i.e., Daily Sun), etc....against him, Oren Miller and Craig Estep.

- Joined the POA by mail, would have been nice to receive written confirmation of such. **Ans:** The mail-in form asks if you want a membership card, that's one way of confirmation. Can also log into your account to confirm your membership expiration date, etc.

Speaker: Dick Campbell, TVRH Foundation President, discussed what the Foundation is about.

- The foundation looks different than many other hospital foundations due to its makeup and support of mainly an older age population. It is involved with a lot of "hand-holding" operations.
- The foundation has about \$14 million in cash reserves (since April 2013) and they continue to support every organization that supports the foundation.
- They have a variety of programs to help with donations, one being hospital room naming. They have collected over \$8 million to-date for this \$16 million program; including the POA, which has their name on one of the rooms.
- The foundation sponsors two activities each year.
 - Lake Sumter Cycling Club...an excellent organization promoting fitness and well-being.
 - Annual Gala...a black-tie event to honor sponsors and includes an auction to raise funds. Due to the pandemic, it was a virtual event in 2021 (auction done online) and will be basically the same in 2022 due to COVID continuing. Their auction is a little different than most in that all items have been donated, versus some purchased then auctioned.
- The foundation runs three businesses...one includes the Thrift Shop in Lady Lake.
- The foundation has a scholarship program, providing \$2,000/year for four years to qualified students. They look at students from South Sumter, Wildwood and The Villages Charter School and have provided over \$600,000 to 47 individuals to-date. They now have volunteer mentors for each student that receives a scholarship and are highlighting a student in each quarterly newsletter. They have setup the ability to contribute to the program during the annual auction.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary