

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

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

Present: Elaine Dreidame, Bill Garner, Carolyn Reichel, Myron Henry, Pat Layman, Ron Husted, Ken Copp, Frank Carr, Jerry Vicenti. Absent: Jerry Ferlisi Residents: 225

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Bill Garner presented the February Treasurer's Report, which was accepted as presented.

Opening balance 2/1/11:	\$92,289
Receipts	14,133
Expenses	6,461
Ending balance 2/28/2011	99,961

Elaine noted that the status of our budget is much improved given that a year ago August we did not publish the bulletin for one month due being cash poor. Further the annual cost of publishing bulletin is about \$80,000.

Membership: Pat Layman reported that a second membership notice has been sent to 1900 households. Residents wanting a membership card by mail need to include a stamped envelope with payment, or request one in person at the monthly meeting.

SHINE: In the absence of Betty Cunningham, Elaine reported that there will be a Medicare 101 program sponsored by SHINE coming in the near future.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Dorothy Hardee with the American Cancer Society was available to remind Villagers that the event will be held April 29 – 31 on CR 103 near the Urology Care Center. Additional information will be forthcoming in the April Bulletin. Dorothy will be available for questions after the meeting.

Cash Raffle: There were 3 lucky winners of \$20 each.

ADVERTISER: Hazem El-Arousy, MD, urgent care physician at Premier Medial Associates presented a short summary of services available at his Urgent Care Center located at 1580 Santa Barbara Blvd, the Villages, across from Freedom Pointe. He noted that urgent care is for medical conditions needing immediate physician attention as differentiated from conditions where the patient considers his/her life to be in danger which requires a trip the emergency room at the hospital. Premier has an additional center at 910 Old Camp Rd, Suite 196, across from Toojays's near Sumter Landing.

OPEN FORUM: Questions taken from the audience addressed the following:

The Viet Nam Wall will be at the American Legion on Rolling Acres at #466 from June 4-6, 2011.

Requests for black-topping of streets in the Villages need to be presented to the commissioners of the respective county.

Deed restrictions vary according to location in the Villages. Janet Tutt's office accepts questions at 753-4508 and provides further direction.

"In area ID's" are available to family members of residents of the Villages if they live in the Tri-County Area, that is Lake, Sumter and Marion counties. A more detailed explanation can be found at the Villages.net web site.

The hospital located on CR #472 (Rainey Trail) is scheduled to open in the near future.

Soliciting is not allowed in the Villages. Residents may call Janet Tutt's office at 753-4508 or visit Senior vs. Crime for resolution.

There is no update on the IRS Bond issue.

Concerns relative to vehicles parked in the street versus on the homeowners property need to be directed to law enforcement.

Progress Energy is required by federal law to assure that vegetation does not interfere with the normal flow of energy on overhead electrical wires. There will be detailed information in the newspaper and on the web at the Villages.net. Progress Energy will provide an agent to discuss any possible tree removals with an individual resident before work commences.

SPEAKER: Anne Lambrecht, Master Gardner, lead an interesting and informative discussion on "Spring Landscaping after a Hard Winter". She touched on many valuable areas including:

Grass and golf courses are not native to Florida

Ideally, grass will survive on weekly watering given the availability of water for everyone's needs. We can, however, hand water at will.

Slow release fertilizers melt into the ground over time and do not run off into our recycled water.

When purchasing plants, know that we live in the edge of zones 8B and 9A. The safest decision is to go with 8B. Our frost date starts 12/15 and ends 3/10.

Anne reminded attendees that there is an extension agent in all three counties.

The University of Florida has web sites available: edis.ifas.ufl.edu and floridayards.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Coffee, donuts, good friends and conversation were available after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Reichel, Secretary