

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

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

Present: Elaine Dreidame, Bill Garner, Carolyn Reichel, Ken Copp, Jerry Vicenti, Myron Henry, Ron Husted. Excused: Jerry Ferlisi Residents: 185 *Frank Carr*

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Bill Garner, reporting in Jerry's absence, explained that the opening balance 7/1 was \$100,308 with revenues of \$5346, expenses \$5518, a monthly loss of \$572 and ending balance 1/31 \$99,736.

Membership: Elaine reported that 8/11 the Board unanimously approved Jerry Vicenti as Membership Chairman to replace Pat Layman, who resigned. Jerry noted that he is looking forward to this new endeavor and is available to residents via phone or Email as needed.

SHINE: Bob Follas, SHINE volunteer, was available for an update. He announced that open enrollment for Part D drugs starts 10/15. As a service SHINE will have forms available to all attendees the next two POA meetings for residents to enter the information needed for a SHINE volunteer to search drug plans for them. Result will be mailed to members.

Lightning Rod Systems: Len Hathaway spoke for his group of non-commercial experts who offer presentations at club meetings in the Villages focusing on lightning strikes in the Villages, part of the lightning capital of the US. Their presentations focus safety practices, direct versus indirect strikes, and lightning facts and myths.

Cash raffle: Numbers were called for three lucky winners of \$20.00 each.

Copper tubing: Elaine expressed the appreciation of residents for the time and work Ray and Lori Micucci and prospective new resident and AC expert David Gott have given to residents of the Villages in solving this puzzle. Without willing volunteers, the many functions of the POA would not be possible.

Open Forum: The floor was opened to questions from residents on any topic of concern or interest. Janet Tutt, District Manager, and Rich Lambrecht, AAC member were available as needed.

- Traffic lights on El Camino in need of painting are on the agenda of Sumter County.
- it seems evident that Sumter County has implemented a new permit fee of \$69 for inspections required for installations such as solar lights.
- Questions centered on the article in the August issue of the Bulletin concerning the Project-Wide agreement relative to the numbered districts, namely 5 – 8, allocations of assessments for fees. Elaine informed attendees that additional information will be included in future Bulletin

articles. In the September issue for example, specific dollar amounts involved will be addressed. As residents become more informed on this issue, the discussion will continue.

- Plans for the development of the 3rd Town Square are in the hands of the Developer.
- The gate at Canal St and CR#466 is free flowing due to construction traffic.
- Police officers in unmarked, sometimes old cars, have been monitoring our speeds and free with issuing tickets. Watch your speed.
- The Villages Residents Bill of Rights as published in the Bulletin was the subject of discussion. Residents north of #466 have the AAC available for assistance in decision making. South of #466, this system is not yet implemented. Elaine noted that Janet Tutt, District Manager is known for ethical and fair decisions. Yet residents south of #466 look to the day when their decisions are more in their hands. In the interim, Janet informed residents that all meetings are public record and can be located on the Villages.net web site.
- Sinkholes are a reality in Florida. It is advisable to speak with your insurance company for coverage options
- The IRS update including the IRS's Appraisal Review was briefly discussed. Janet Tutt is working on the response to this position, noting that the official response will be published on the Villages.net web site for residents to view when it has been submitted to the IRS.

Speaker: Joe Pine, of Metro Crime Prevention of Florida provided a detailed and informative presentation on how residents can be safe both at home and in our daily lives. His goal was to make residents "street smart". He came with hand-outs and suggestions on how to be safe in emergency situations. A web site, consumersunion.org includes tips on managing credit information safely and provides access to a freeze letter for those who wish to keep their credit inaccessible to others. He was available for questions after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Refreshments were available for friends and good conversation after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel,