



The Property Owners Association, Inc.

The Villages, FL

POA Membership Meeting of May 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Weiner at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was next, followed by a moment of silence in recognition and remembrance of women and men who have served or are serving in our Armed Forces.

- 1. Roll call.** *Members Present:* Boyd Briscoe, Ken Copp, Elaine Dredame, Jerry Ferlisi, Myron Henry, Donna Kempa, Robert Rovegno, Robert Taraska, Sal Torname, Jerry Vicenti, Cliff Weiner, and William Yelverton. *Excused:* Carolyn Reichel.
- 2. Approval of the April 19, 2016 minutes.** The April 19 minutes were approved as read by Myron Henry who was substituting for Secretary Carolyn Reichel.
- 3. Treasurer's report.** Donna Kempa reported that operating cash for April 2016 was \$14,560.47 while expenses for the month totaled \$15,241.98. Total cash including restricted funds (\$244,044.23) totaled \$389,748.93, a decrease of \$681.51. Operating funds totaled \$164,394.93. Ninety-six households paid 2016 dues in April. Total paid households YTD at the end of April 2016 were 5,906. This compares to 6,601 households paid for the same period in 2015. So there has been a decrease in paid households from 2015 to 2016 of 695 households. In spite of the decreases noted above, the bottom line is that the POA fiscal condition remains very healthy.
- 4. 2016 memberships.** Jerry Vicenti affirmed that POA membership for 2016 is down slightly for 2015, and he asked POA members to encourage past POA members to pay their 2016 dues and for other friends to join the POA. However, Jerry Vicenti was very up beat about the future of the POA, especially as more residents south of 466 more fully realize how important the voice of the POA is in representing their interests. Currently over 56,000 copies of the POA Bulletin are distributed to approximately 120,000 Villagers. As more and more Villagers south of 466 and 466A realize (perhaps by reading articles in the *Bulletin* on important issues that have impact Village residents), more will join the POA. Jerry also mentioned the different colors of membership cards depended on whether the member has paid for just one year or instead paid ahead by two or three years.
- 5. Important representatives at back tables.** The POA Board and officers appreciate the services provided by representatives of the Village District Offices, Senior versus Crime, and CERT as well as the lightening experts who were there. The formal presentation for the evening was on lightening protection. Betty Cunningham representing Seniors versus Crime spoke briefly.

6. **Cash Raffle.** Three lucky attendees had their numbers drawn and received \$30 dollars each.
7. **Open Forum.** Questions and observations included statements about the emergence of wild boar near back yards of Villagers, fading white lines (on the edges?) on golf cart paths, and the Zika mosquito threat to The Villages. Some of the questions and answers will appear in the next POA *Bulletin*.
8. **Speakers of the evening.** Bobby Schultze and his colleagues from Triangle Lightning Protection, Inc. discussed how Lightning Protection Systems Work. They pointed out that FL averages 16 deaths annually from lightening strikes, and that four houses in The Villages were destroyed by lightening in 2015. They encouraged Village residents to look into lightening protection and noted that FL is the lightening capitol of the U.S. Villagers in attendance were encouraged to visit the Triangle Lightning Protection Website to see photos and obtained more information about lightening protection. The team responded to several questions related to lightening rods. They also noted that cost is often determined by the square footage under the roof. At the end of their presentation, they announced the winner of the drawing for a free lightening protection system. Betty Cunningham was the winner!
9. **Next month's speaker.** Wayne Ward from CERT will discuss Hurricane Readiness.
10. **Meeting conclusion.** A motion to conclude the meeting was made at about 8 pm and passed unanimously. Attendees then headed back for donuts, sweet rolls, and coffee.

Respectfully Submitted by Myron Henry

Pinch Hitting for Secretary Carolyn Reichel