

POA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cliff Weiner at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence in remembrance of our troops.

Roll Call indicated all board members present with the exception of Jerry Ferlisi and Myron Henry, excused.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report showed expenses in May were \$12,246; receipts \$13,645; operating cash \$165,794. As of the end of May, the POA had 6187 paid members for 2016.

Membership reminded attendees that we need to keep our membership numbers up in order to have a strong voice.

SHINE reminded attendees that open enrollment for Part D will begin October 15. Sites and times are listed in the Bulletin.

Mike Schobinger of Protect Our Water spoke briefly about SWFWMD's approval of SWR Properties LLC request to remove an average of 496,000 gallons of water daily from the Upper Floridian Aquifer (our fresh water supply source) for a period of 20 years. This amounts to filling 80 trucks per day operating 24 hours a day to withdraw this amount of water for bottling in Leesburg. There is a lot of controversy related to the advisability of removing this amount of water for commercial use. He requested residents attend a Sumter County Board of Commissioners meeting at 5:00 PM June 28th at Colony Recreation Center to challenge this decision.

At tables at the back of the room we had Seniors v Crime, CERT, District Government representatives, and Lightning guru Bob Friedman for individual questions or concerns.

Our cash raffle resulted in three lucky attendees receiving \$30 each.

Open Forum questions that may be answered in future Bulletin articles include: where does one obtain the truth about rumors; and, any chance that resident gates may change to remote control cards in place of the current cards in use?

Speaker: Wayne Ward of CERT presented a fascinating description of hurricanes that have hit Florida. Included was a short film which captured the attention of all attendees as it demonstrated the damage a hurricane can cause a house at each of the possible 5 categories of wind speed. Nobody will ever forget that movie. There were numerous questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, followed by donuts, coffee and good conversation of individual questions to guests present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary