

POA Membership Minutes Tuesday, December 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cliff Weiner at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember those who served our country.

Roll call showed all board members present.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report showed receipts for November were \$49,680, higher than usual related to 2017 dues paid; expenses \$15,347 with the greatest cost being Bulletin expenses; leaving our net operating cash flow at \$34,334; and our operating cash flow at \$181,811.

Membership report showed that our membership is slightly ahead of last year at this time. We remind attendees that we place 52,000 Bulletins on driveways each month and do count on the Villages support for our efforts.

At the back tables for everybody's information and questions we have Seniors v Crime, CERT, SHINE and representative from the District Government.

Annual Installation of 2017 officers and Board members was performed by Len Hathaway.

Hall of Fame recipient, Frank Carr, was introduced by Myron Henry and presented with a plaque in remembrance.

Cash raffle yielded \$30 each to three lucky winners.

Open Forum Elaine stepped forward to make a presentation in an attempt for all to understand why, the POA believes, the Lifestyle Learning College (LLC) closed its doors effective the 2017 spring session. To understand it, it is necessary to look at both sides. The fact is that there are members of our community who are deaf, that is, they have no ability to hear anything. Since 2008 they had asked the LLC to provide sign language interpreters and they refused. In 2013, to meet their hearing needs, they filed suit asking for professional interpreters to be assigned to LLC events to provide sign language interpretation. The LLC, as we understand, offered various options as a result of the lawsuit which were rejected by these Villagers as not meeting their needs as spelled out in the American with Disabilities ACT (ADA) and I their lawsuit.

There is currently another case in the appeals court that could affect the Resident Lifestyle Groups (RLGs). We do not know when this decision will come down; however, we will let you know as soon as we do.

As far as we know at this time, Janet Tutt is investigating the possibility that a program under the VCCDD, similar to the LLC, might be able to be established as a VCCDD Enterprise Fund. When that could be accomplished is also not known.

We are open to communicating with any Villager who may have professional interest or knowledge in these areas that could be of use to us and/or the residents. In the interim, willing residents are encouraged to attend the VCCDD meetings, the next one will be January 11th, at 2 PM at the District Office in Sumter Landing. Also, "Welcome Wednesdays" are meetings open to all residents every Wednesday, also at the District Office in Sumter Landing. It would be good for all of us to consider attending these events as numbers demonstrate interest and concern. Additionally, the District.gov web site offers web sites to respond via internet to either the Developer's groups or the POA. We all need to work together on this.

Speaker Dan Weber of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) spoke to the group about their two main interests, social security and Medicare. This group operates to discuss issues not addressed by AARP. It is good for us to be knowledgeable about groups that work to promote the interest of elders. Mr. Weber was available for individual questions after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM to be followed by Ollie's ice cream and good conversations.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary