

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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 sacrificed their lives for us.

Roll call showed all members present with the exception of Bill Schikora, excused.

The Treasurer's report indicated income for August 2017 was \$15,815 , with 60% from Bulletin ads and 40% from dues and donations; expenses \$19,027 with 90% being Bulletin expenses; with operating cash of \$169,851.

The Membership report thanked members for their loyalty and announced that effective immediately annual dues can be paid at the web site, poa4us.org, for your convenience.

The SHINE report by Betty Cunningham reminded attendees that open enrollment for 2018 begins 10/15 and extends until 12/7. Moneys placed back into the budget to support SHINE, hopefully will be extended for the full year 2018.

At the back table for attendees' convenience were Seniors v. Crime, SHINE and representatives from District gov.

Cliff announced that the POA, in view of the growth of the Villages, has decided to raise the number of board members. A vote taken to increase the number from 13 to 21 was passed unanimously. Anyone interested in joining the board can contact Cliff for consideration.

Further Cliff announced that due to the growth of the Villages, the club will offer meetings closer to the newer sections and add 4 membership meetings at Eisenhower center on the 4th Tuesdays of January, April, July and October. Times and dates will be announced in the Bulletin to remind residents.

Open Forum: This is the time we open the mic to residents to discuss any issue of interest to them. Responses may appear in future Bulletins.

When will the golf courses re-open?

When can we expect to be relieved of the water surcharge?

A couple of Villagers from the original side stated that some neighbors had difficulty managing during the hurricane asking how they could reach out for help in the future.

Speaker: Chief Wolf, formerly of Sumter Sheriff's Office, was present to discuss his new position with Community Watch. He presented the goal of this position "to provide a safe community for Villagers by keeping a watchful eye around the clock". Community Watch provides patrol drivers, dispatchers, gate operations and gate attendants with some staffers available 24 hours a day. Additionally, they are available at all three town squares for the safety of all Villagers. They are not, however, an emergency

service and residents need to understand that the usual services should be accessed in the event of an emergency. They can be reached at 352-753-0550 or on line at District gov.org. There were many questions and thankyou.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Restfully Submitted,

Carolyn Reichel, Secretary