

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 have died to protect us.

Roll call indicated all members present with the exception of Bob Rovegno, excused.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

The President apologized for the secretary and introduced our four new Board members: Andrew Curtis, Elisabeth Hutton, Theresita Dumagsa, and Cathy Peppers.

The Treasurers' report showed month-end report for January 2018: receipts \$9866; expenses \$15,572; indicating a monthly shortfall of \$5,706; and operating cash of \$151,071. The treasurer noted that the cost of printing the Bulletin in 2017 was \$145,000; additionally all IRS required forms for 2017 have been filed.

The Membership chairman requested attendees ask their friends and neighbors to join our group as making things happen requires a big voice. We were delighted with the number of residents that attended our meeting at Eisenhower last month. As a result we will be meeting there about every other month for our membership meetings. The exact schedule will be announced in the next Bulletin and, of course, you can continue to find about our meetings in the rec news and from the emails we send you if you are a member.

At the back tables for attendee's convenience are representatives from Seniors v Crime, CERT, SHINE, and District Gov. representatives for individual questions.

The SHINE report reminded attendees that new Medicare cards are scheduled to be coming in the mail in June. The cards, reportedly, will be made of cardboard and laminating the card could ruin the numbers. Betty will be retiring from SHINE in March and she introduced Becky will be taking her place.

The 2017 Hall of Fame designee, Myron Henry, was honored. His contributions during his 8 years with the POA include: the design of our logo, fill-in secretary, authoring Bulletin articles, fostered the striping of the golf cart paths, and many other endeavors for all of us.

The cash raffle gave 3 lucky winners \$30 each.

Open Forum is the time we hear from residents. Responses may appear in future Bulletin issues.

Who has the right of way on the multi-modal trails?

Speaker: Ross Morton, Ombudsman for SWFWMD, spoke to the group about our aquifer. He focused on why we have aquifers in Florida, and how they work. Attendees were able to ask many questions of interest to them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Reichel, Secretary