

POA Membership Meeting
June 25, 2019

Called to order: by Cliff Wiener, President, at 7 pm.

- All Board members present, excused: Susan Ball, Tita Dumagsa, Bill Schikora and Peg Tackett.
- Organizations present: CERT, Seniors vs. Crime, SHINE, District Government and Foxfire Realty.
- May membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurers report: May income \$9,395.55, expenses \$16,705.63, net loss \$7,310.08, operating budget \$158,072.33. New website and more opting for electronic bulletin will help expenses.
- Raffle: three winners of \$30.00 cash each.

Announcements:

- Volunteers needed. Cathy mentioned she had the green forms for folks to sign up.
- Shredding event at Lowes on 466A on October 19th, details later this summer.
- Can sign up for district-related eNotifications and eBilling at District.gov.
- POA continues to partner with Public Safety on AEDs. Cliff mentioned the POA is responsible for 15 neighborhoods starting a program with 6 more possible. The POA can help those interested.
- Sign up for POA bulletin via email. Cliff has the forms, but online signup preferred.
- July membership meeting will be at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center with a speaker from SECO.

Member Questions:

- None. One comment, a resident had a Lightening Protection System installed and recommends an independent inspection of the roof afterwards, since his installer caused some damage.

Speaker: Dave McCoy & Ellen Rogers, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on Hurricane Prep

- Key points: Be informed; Have a plan (primary/backup); Have a Disaster Kit (pets too); Volunteer
- Know disaster types (hurricane, tornado, flood, tech hazard, terrorism, etc.) and how to respond.
- Know hurricane conditions: tropical depression to hurricane category & watch to warning. Andrew (Cat 5) winds (over 155mph...catastrophic damage) felt inland 92 miles...The Villages is 72 miles.
- Stay informed...no sirens in The Villages. Radio or alert notice...sign up for Sumter Alert, etc.
- Home: roof strapped down (Village frame/block homes to code), trees trimmed, gutters clear, "safe room" (middle, no windows (closet/bathroom preferred), insurance updated (30 day wait).
- Emergency Plan for in place, in area or evacuation...include communication plan. With Irma, interstate signs said closest vacant motel was Birmingham, AL and many folks ran out of gas.
- Disaster Kit...one for each person and pets. Take appropriate items if evacuating. Review annually.
 - Personal: Food (canned/dry)/water (1 gallon/person/day) for 3 days (5 preferred), weather radio, flashlight, whistle, first aid, medicine, clothing, cash, special needs, bug spray/sunscreen, hygiene items, garbage bags, plastic plates/cups/silverware, etc.
 - Pet: crate, food/water, medicine, first aid, collar with ID, sanitation, toys, picture with them.
 - Important papers in waterproof bags (utility bill, insurance, marriage license, pet vaccines, etc.).
 - Water in cool/dark place, items in 5-gallon buckets, food/water changed every 6 months.
- Prior to: secure boat/RV and loose outside items, have corded phone, turn off utilities (if evac).
- During: away from windows, close interior doors, fill bathtub, water containers in freezer.
- After: check house/area carefully, use right attire for cleanup...most injuries are during cleanup.
- Shelters...check locations online. Only 1 in Sumter County is pet friendly, all in Lake County are.
- Member comments: use solar powered or crank flashlight; wear hard hat during storm, shelters manned by National Guard - will check ID, must bring food, clothing, sleeping bag/air mattress.
- Presentation is not online, but will get slides to POA and a video will be at CERT website.
- Go to FEMA website for more information; plus, sites like Disaster.Org, etc.
- CERT training offered in October & February (10 weeks, Monday-Friday, 3 hours per day).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by: Reb Benson