

**POA Membership Meeting  
November 19, 2019**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- All Board members present, excused: none.
- Organizations present: Seniors vs. Crime, Shine, Foxfire Realty, and District Gov.
- October Membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurer Report (Donna Kempa): Stated October income: \$24,593; expenses: \$14,520; net gain: \$10,073; operating balance: \$130,983. 95% of income due to ad revenue and over \$13,000 of expenses due to cost of producing the Bulletin.
- Membership Report (Bill Schikora): Stated many new members this evening, seeing a growth in numbers. Cliff mentioned over 33,000 pounds of paper shredded during the November 16<sup>th</sup> event, will do again next October or November. Sal Torname mentioned the shredding event was a great success and thanked all the volunteers (to include Wildwood and Sumter police, CERT and Lowes).
- Raffle: 3 winners of \$30 cash each. Dorothy W. was the winner of the Foxfire Realty gift basket.

**Announcements:**

- Cathy Peppers made a pitch for volunteers. Asked all to remember: fairgovernment@poa4us.org and to email her if they would like to help.
- Cliff asked folks to contact the POA if their neighborhood or group would like a presentation on the AED program or a presentation on the POA; there are over 215 neighborhood AED groups to date.
- Cliff mentioned the Sumter County Vials for Life program, with vials in the back for folks to take.
- Cliff mentioned signing up for electronic delivery of the bulletin (over 2,500 signed up to date), helps with delivery cost since we are now producing over 64,000 hardcopy Bulletins. He also mentioned signing up at district.gov for community district information.
- Cliff mentioned speakers for upcoming meetings: Mr. Richard Baier, District Manager, on December 17<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Stephen Kennedy, Sumter 911 Call Center, on January 14<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Dale Grafton, Coleman Prison, on February 25<sup>th</sup>; and, Mr. Don Henderson, Villages Hospital, on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Board and Officer Nominations for Calendar Year 2020:**

- Len Hathaway announced all nominations: Cliff Wiener, President; Jerry Ferlisi, Vice President; Donna Kempa, Treasurer; Reb Benson, Secretary; and Directors: Vicki Alkema, Ken Copp, Andrew Curtis, Tita Dumagsa, Cathy Peppers, Bill Schikora, Peg Tackett and Sal Torname. He asked for other nominations and with none noted, there was a Motion to close nominations that was seconded and unanimously approved. Len then asked for and received a Motion to approve all announced names and officer positions which was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Member Questions:**

- Is it true we have to pay for Village Center Christmas tree lighting? Ans: Only if you want VIP area.
- Who paid for the shredding event? Ans: The POA paid for all the costs.
- Does POA cover new area (Fenney, etc.)? Ans: Yes, all current and newly developed Village areas.
- Will POA have a Sumter Commissioner candidate discussion? Ans: Will probably do something.
- Will POA endorse candidates? Ans: Deferred, POA is about putting out information.

**Speaker:** Dr. Anderson, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), on "Profit Care vs. Patient Care"

- RBOI Goal: 1<sup>st</sup> - take out cancer; 2<sup>nd</sup> - avoid patient experiencing side effects (collateral damage).
- Seek unexpected success - all the time at RBOI. Provided breast and skin cancer success cases.
- Principles of radiation (biology and physics) - don't mess with mother nature.
  - 2 times a day lower dosage (vs. typical 1 time per day higher dosage) works best in many cases.
  - Provides time (2 hours) after treatment for normal cells to heal.
  - 100% response rate and develops an immune system response in many cases.
  - Example: pancreatic cancer cure rate - 50% national average and 95% RBOI average.

- Difference between facilities (medical and radiation) - RBOI and others.
  - Research: RBOI - new brain cancer treatments; Others - no.
  - Radiation to cures: RBOI - patent for malignant melanoma; Others - no.
  - # of treatment personnel: RBOI - 3 physicists on site; Others - varies.
  - Accredited: RBOI - yes; Others - no.
  - Anti-trust lawsuits: RBOI - never; Others - try and fix referrals between oncology and radiation.
- Empower your own care - need to know.
  - Ask questions (physician direct/indirect benefit (meds/referrals), all under one roof (surgery/chemo-immunotherapy/radiation) control, etc.).
  - Example: RBOI urologists are either fee for service or paid a salary – no incentive for referrals.
  - Seek second opinion and/or choose medical advocate.
- Need his (RBOI) services - best time is when in early [cancer] stage.
- Questions:
  - Does insurance support this treatment? Ans: They see the savings, but if they don't cover 2 times a day radiation, then in most cases he will write off the cost differences.
  - How is treatment administered? Ans: On a table with a mold to ensure treatment in same spot.
  - Is low dosage radiation weakening cancer cells? Ans: Yes, with immune system increase.
  - Similar to proton treatment? Ans: No, proton beam over used, in most cases photon beam best.
  - Does radiation destroy bone? Ans: Normally no if carefully given.
  - Relationship between chemotherapy and autoimmune disease? Ans: Age and immune system are factors that in some patients cause the disease.
  - Treat all skin cancers (basil and squamish cell)? Ans: Yes, see RBOI vs. cutting on the face.
  - Two folks attested to Dr. Anderson and RBOI success, one was stage 4 throat cancer and the other was pancreatic cancer.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Reb Benson