

Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting

September 9, 2015

President Bernie Lamach opened the meeting at 7 p.m.. Board Members present were: Karen Tice, Dean Brown, Kate Gooderham, Joyce Alexander and Jeanne McCafferty. Absent and excused were Dennis Rodgers and David Wallace.

Bernie welcomed everyone and then introduced the Board Members. He then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Patricia Land, Regional Vice President of Economic & Community Development for Florida Southwestern State College.

Dr. Land spoke of the growth of the College since it was established in 1962. There are now four campuses with an enrollment of approximately 15,705 students, in person and on line. She also gave a brief rundown of the various schools (programs) being offered. There are no great plans for expansion due to the increased number of on line students. A question and answer period followed. Bernie thanked Dr. Land and then opened the business meeting.

Officer's Reports

Secretary Report

Jeanne stated that the minutes of the May meeting were emailed to the Board Members. A sentence was corrected. The guest speaker was Ms. Marilyn Arnall from FPL. There were no meetings in June, July and August. Karen made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen read the Profit and Loss statement dated August 12, 2015 through September 8, 2015. Income was \$425.00, Expense for contract services and a gift for Bob totaled \$215.90 and the net income was \$209.10. Kate moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read and it was seconded by Jeanne. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Deed Restriction

In Dennis's absence, Bernie stated that it was still an ongoing effort by the committee and Lee County. We had to change the way to look at the deed restrictions. It will take at least another six months as they need to work with attorneys and the legal language. Residents will be kept informed through the Whiskey Creek News and web site.

Yard Committee

Gordon said that the lanyards with ID really helped getting residents to come to the door to speak to him. He encouraged residents to call him or Joyce if they had a neighbor's yard to nominate. December is the only month with no yard award. He thought the program was great. He has seen where the award given to one yard owner prompted four other neighbors to improve the appearance of their yard. The Board felt that the award should be on different streets, not only on Whiskey Creek Drive.

Membership Report

Jeanne read the report emailed to her by Ted Gault, membership chairman. As of September 1, 2015, a total of 680 families had joined or renewed their membership in the Association for the year 2015. This total included 36 families enrolled for the first time. Since December 1, 2014, a total of \$17,094.00 has been received; \$16,980.00 in dues and \$114.00 for the sale of 14 Whiskey Creek license plates.

Whiskey Creek News Distribution

In Larry's absence, Bernie reminded all that the Whiskey Creek News is available at the Country Club, the 7-Eleven as well as Wells Fargo Bank. Bernie also mentioned to the new residents that the Association has a web site available with much Whiskey Creek information. The paper is delivered usually at the beginning of the month. He asked that those not receiving their Whiskey Creek News contact the chairperson, Larry Geiger. Karen expressed a concern for those volunteers who leave the Whiskey Creek News in the mailboxes. Bernie said that he would speak with Larry.

Old Business

Bernie read the card received from Country Club thanking the Association for the donation of the defibrillator. The Iona-McGregor Fire Dept. trained a small group of staff members in its use. Gordon asked about printing the contents of the note on Whiskey Creek News. Bernie will look into it. Another question was asked about bikers not stopping at stop signs. It will not change. We just need to be careful.

Kate asked for an update to the speaker schedule. Residents had previously voted on line for the topic most wanted. Board members each picked a topic and worked to obtain a speaker. Jeanne named the topics: September, Southwestern College; October, Iona McGregor Fire Dept; November, (volunteer thank you, to be determined); December, Holiday, no speaker, short meeting; January, Whiskey Creek history; February, annual meeting; March, Crime Prevention; April and May are being worked on. After a discussion regarding having a volunteer thank you party, Karen made a motion to hold the party at the November meeting. It was seconded by Kate. All were in favor and the motion passed. What happens at the party will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

Bernie stated that he has accepted, with regret, Bob Oxnard's resignation as a Director on the Board. Bob has been a multi-term board member. He helped organize and serve on several projects such as the Whiskey Creek PRIDE Group. He was also Parliamentarian for the association as well as liaison with the country club. Bob has been asked to serve on both the local and State Boards of Easter Seals. He will be missed. Bernie has a certificate of appreciation which he will deliver to Bob at his office in the morning.

Bernie has asked Paul Matter to complete the remainder of Bob's term which ends in February. It was seconded by Kate. All were in favor and the motion passed. Paul has joined the Board.

Kate had several proposals for consideration (not to vote on but to investigate over the winter). Flyers were passed out on: 1) Little free library, 2) encourage people to walk by providing more shade by purchasing one or more trees, 3) place to put a drinking fountain. Also mentioned by Bernie was a nature trail.

MSTBU

Bernie stated that the County has appointed Randy Harris as a field coordinator for our MSTBU area. He will talk to him regarding Kate's idea.

Kate made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McCafferty
Secretary