

Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting

December 14, 2016

President Bernie Lamach opened the meeting at 7 P M. Board members present were: Dennis Rodgers, Karen Tice, Kate Gooderham, Dean Brown, Ron Frazer, Paul Matter and Jeanne McCafferty. Joyce Alexander has resigned.

Bernie stated that we do not have a speaker this evening. Normally, we usually honor our volunteers at the December meeting but it was difficult getting all our volunteers out. We have over 100 people that participate in one way or another with the Civic Assn. We do have a few business items to discuss. If someone has any comments or questions, we will be able to allow a bit more time during public comments just complete a slip and hand to a Board Member.

Public Comments

None received. Bernie stated that it was appropriate to give credit to the many projects that we started, some successfully completed, some still running. We are trying to offer programs and do our good in the Community to reflect what people want to see with their Civic Assn. We are always open for suggestions & ideas.

Secretary's Report

Jeanne said that she emailed the November minutes to the Board and there were no questions or additions. Looking for a motion to accept, Karen moved to accept the minutes as emailed. It was seconded by Paul. All were in favor and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen read the Profit & Loss Statement. Income was \$125.00. Expenses were \$854.21 with a net income of -\$729.21. The Report was accepted for audit. The Treasurer's report is filed with the Secretary's minutes. Dennis inquired about the storage bill. Bernie said that we rent a storage space at the Bridge Shopping Center for keeping of records and of miscellaneous items such as signs and Christmas decorations and other items that need to be kept by the Civic Assn.

Karen said that she has researched and visited Suncoast Credit Union and expects to visit Edison and FineMark National Bank prior to the maturity of our CD.

Committee Reports

Deed Restrictions

Dennis said that in the past month he has had a number of complaints about cars parking on grass yards, new boats parked in yards and driveways, motor homes and barking dogs. He has been sending out a number of letters regarding the violations. But he has not been back by to see if there is any results as the letters just went out a week ago. Dennis and Bernie have been working on the matter of our legislative attempt to get the MRTA Act amended. They have a meeting set by our Lee County legislators for January 19, 2017, at which time, they have been invited, Dennis thinks we should make a presentation He and Bernie will meet with our new State Senator Passidomo who has sponsored legislation in the past to amend the MRTA Act. Dennis believes that she is on board to sponsor our bill that we have proposed. They will be meeting with her on the 20th of December to find out where we stand and whether we need to find a sponsor in the House or whether she is going to do that and whether she is proceeding to get the Bill written up by the Legislative staff as it should be. We will know more after that meeting. We will have several weeks to get together what we need before January 19th. Senator Passidomo will be at the January 19th meeting and Dennis feels she will be helpful to us in our endeavor. We will know more after we meet with her

Bernie stated that it was a difficult task as we had the work done by our attorney, Yeline Goin, which was then submitted to us and we then submitted that to our legislators before the elections and asked for some commitment from them. We didn't hear anything for a time. Our attorney is unable to attend the meeting with us as she will be out of town at that time. We are trying to use every persuasion that we can. Kate had several questions for Dennis and Bernie as she is very familiar with this process and made several suggestions.

Membership

Jeanne read the report – As of November 30, 2016 a total of 723 families had joined or renewed their membership in the Association for the year 2016. This total included 126 families enrolled for the first time. A total of \$18,215.00 has been received, including \$18,075.00 in dues and \$140.00 for sale of 14 Whiskey Creek license plates. This was submitted by Karen Tice, Membership Manager. Kate asked how membership count compares year to date. Karen said about even. The number of new members has gone up due to the welcome letters that she has sent. So that is working.

Yard of the Month

Gordon has nothing to report this month.

News Distribution

Jeanne said that she and Bernie have been going over the list that we have of all the volunteers especially the News distribution volunteers because of the changes due to moving, death etc. We are in dire need for a Captain for Area III (formally under Don Fosselman) and we also need volunteers for Area IV (under new Captain Jessica Waskiewicz) for Amoroso Dr. and Autumnwood/Basswood. Jeanne will bring more

information of the various streets under each area at the next meeting. Kate suggested that it would be helpful if people understood more about delivering the paper, such as how often and how long it took,

Old Business

Board Vacancies

Bernie said that we have two vacancies on the Board. Up for renewal are Dean, Joyce and Kate. Dean will stay until January 1st. Bernie recently accepted Joyce's resignation. Bernie has contacted ½ dozen persons which he felt would be appropriate for the Board. He feels that the activities of the Holiday season have hindered getting any commitments from any of them. Bernie appointed a nominating committee consisting of Ron Frazer, Paul Matter and Adam Smeigh. As Kate is willing to serve if chosen, the committee only needs two candidates. We are looking to attract younger members to join.

New Business

Bernie stated that he received a retainer notice for our attorney, Yeline Goin, whom we have been using for the deed restriction legislation that we want. The amount is \$200.00. Kate moved to approve the expense. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed. Dennis told Bernie that an annual contract did not need to be signed every year. Just send a check when the bill is received.

MSTBU Report

Bernie brought us the topic of MSTBU as he received an email from one of its coordinators questioning the spaded up area in one of our medians. He replied explaining that it was another of the specialty area that we had initiated in the medians that was entirely done and maintained by volunteers. This was discussed. Basically, she would like MSTBU to inform Lee County of any new plant beds so she can notify the landscaping and irrigation contractors. It was agreed to do so.

ETC

A resident of Village Green had some question regarding condo rules and whether he would be able to be on the Board and /or deliver newspapers. Mr. Leo Chasse applied to run for the Board. Ownership of strip of land between Brandy Cir and Sheffield Way was questioned. Care of that strip is the responsibility of the owner.

Dennis moved to adjourn at 8PM. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and passed.

Respectfully submitted
Jeanne McCafferty

Secretary