

## **Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting**

May 13, 2015

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

Bernie stated that although the Board does not have meetings in the summer, we will continue to keep all residents informed of any public community meetings as we are still dealing with deed restriction rewrites. He encouraged everyone to come out for these meetings in the coming months

Bernie then introduced our guest speaker: Marilyn Arnaol, FPL National Account Manager. Ms Arnaol has been with FPL for approximately thirty two years, starting as a meter reader and worked her way up. In her current position as a National Account Manager, she is a point of contact for large national chain companies such as Home Depot, Costco, and McDonalds to name a few.

Ms Arnaol told us that the State of Florida has 55 utilities and that FPL is the largest. They provide energy from Jacksonville to Homestead, Florida to 4.6 million customers in 35 counties. FPL has just implemented a 3% fuel rate reduction to be reflected in our May bill. She commented on the many improvements that have been made over the past twenty years, including their storm preparedness plan. Ms Arnaol encouraged all to have a storm preparedness plan and listed things to consider putting on our plan list. Questions and answers followed.

### **Officers' Report**

### **Secretary's Report**

Jeanne stated that the minutes of the April meeting were emailed to the Board members. There was a transposition in one of the dollar numbers and it was corrected. Dean moved to accept the minutes as emailed. It was seconded by Dave and all were in favor. The motion passed...

### **Treasurer's Report**

Karen read the Treasurer's report stating income of \$650.00, expenses of \$506.00 with a net income of \$144.00. The bank statement, the Profit & Loss statement and the Treasurer's report are filed with the minutes of the meeting. Bob moved to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Jeanne. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

## **Membership**

Jeanne read the report submitted by Ted Gault, Membership Manager. As of April 16, 2015, a total of 583 families had joined or renewed their membership in the Association for the year 2015. This total included 12 families enrolled for the first time. A total of \$14,663.00 was received, \$14,575.00 in dues and \$88.00 for the sale of eleven WC license plates... Karen moved to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **WC NEWS & Distribution**

In the Chair's absence, Bernie told of his meeting with the 7/11 Manager, who agreed to add our *Whiskey Creek News* to his magazine display. Bernie thanked him for his effort in keeping the site clean. An employee was seen picking up debris outside the business.

## **Deed Restrictions**

Dennis said that there were a few miscellaneous complaints filed, nothing major, which were addressed and corrected. Dennis told of his meeting with Ken, Bernie and several of the County staff .two weeks ago .It was a good meeting with good suggestions. They didn't think that the County attorneys would look very favorably on what we want to do. Our efforts need to be placed on a political basis with enforced political support. If we have that, then we can accomplish what we want. The committee will meet in a couple of weeks. It is too early for full community meetings. Bernie thanked Dennis for all his efforts.

## **Yard Committee**

Gordon stated that they are not getting enough nominations from residents. They have been driving around to find homes to qualify. We need more publicity. The other problem is that no one answered the door to Gordon when he visited a home. It was suggested that some form of identification such as tee shirts or lanyard with ID be purchased. Bernie made a motion to purchase a lanyard with ID for each of the 3 members. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Communication**

Bernie stated that we do not have a communication committee at this time and that Jeanne has been obtaining speakers for our meetings. Karen suggested that each of the Board members pick a topic from the ones suggested on the WCCA survey and obtain a speaker and Jeanne will coordinate efforts. Bernie then appointed Jeanne as Communication Chair. Speakers are needed for Sept., Oct., Nov. or Dec., Jan., March and April. Our annual meeting is held in February so no speaker is needed. Discussion followed as whether or not to hold an appreciation night this year due to the poor turn-

out last year. It was suggested that sending invitations and having the event in November might be more successful. Dean made a motion to tentatively hold the event in November. It was seconded by Karen. This is to be discussed at our Sept. meeting.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

Bernie stated that our website is Microsoft based and is not compatible with Apple. Residents with an Apple system would possibly have problems on our web site. It was discussed and Karen made a motion to have Bernie investigate getting our web site compatible with Apple .at a reasonable cost.

Karen mentioned that the cost of 100 Whiskey Creek license plates is higher (\$730.30). Dennis made a motion that they meet with Ted to discuss the new price. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Bernie said that the Country Club does not have a defibrillator .It would be a good project to help our community by providing one for the Club. The Fire Dept. is ready to train people to use it. .Buying it through the Fire department would cost between \$1500 to \$2000. Karen made a motion to make the purchase but add \$120 for tax. It was seconded by Bob. Also needed is a plaque to identify our donation. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Possible Board vacancy**

Bernie received a communication from a Board member requesting to step down from the Board. Bernie thanked Bob for all he has done for Whiskey Creek and wished him well in his new endeavor. Bob was asked to be on the Easter Seal Advisory Board as well as the Florida Easter Seal Board. He plans to continue writing his article for our newspaper. All of us wish the best for Bob. We shall miss him. He will do a great job for Easter Seals. .Bernie asked our help searching for a new board member.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne McCafferty  
Secretary.