

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association

General Membership Meeting September 20, 2022

Friendship Park 73 Lake View Dr East Ocala FL 34482

Present: President Jim Bains, Vice President Mark Cooper, Treasurer Karen Reade.

Absent: Secretary Gena DeCamella

The meeting was called order at 7:05 p.m. President Jim Bain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bain welcomed new members Regina and Joe Seriuus from Gulf Stream Blvd. and new attendee Toni O'Brien from Never Bend Dr.

President Bain accepted a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Bain reported that the Board meeting for August was cancelled because several Board Members were on vacation, thus preventing a quorum.

Vice President Cooper reported that the committees have been working well, and complimented them on the smooth and efficient work. He is looking for more members to be involved with activities in the Association.

Secretary DeCamella was absent.

Treasurer Reade reported that we have \$12,133.83 in the bank. All invoices have been paid, and the statements have been verified. Financial statements are posted on the website. There are 194 member households, totally 359 members. President Bain added that the annual audit has been completed with excellent results. Treasurer Reade is to be commended for her fine work.

President Bain led a new feature for our meetings called Who's Who in MWF. The first volunteer was Dave Kane. President Bain asked about his background and plans for the future, providing a quick and interesting portrait of one of our neighbors.

Committee Reports:

- a. Control: Dale Kennedy reported some county activity on old issues, but no new issues.
- b. Beautification: Chris Banks reported that they put up flags for 9/11, but took them down very soon after. They are preparing Halloween decorations.
- c. Directory: Carolyn Camp reported that she had directories for sale.

- d. Membership: Frenchie Bisiaux reported that she and Vice President Cooper circulated in the crowd at the Food Truck night to recruit new members.
- e. Refreshments: Holly Roberts reported that she brought treats for the meeting, and is looking for guidance on what is expected for the next meeting.
- f. Newsletter: Gena DeCamella had no report.
- g. Activities: Kim Cooper reported on the various activities. June was the "Making History Come Alive" presentation, which was very well reviewed. Trivia Night has had two nights of fun, and will be continued on Tuesday September 27 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars for October 25 and December 8 for future events. July and August food truck events were successful, and another one is to held September 21. Book club has had two meetings, and another is scheduled for October 17. The book being reviewed is Airframe by Michael Crichton. Line Dancing is resumed after a summer hiatus on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Clean up day is October 29th at the park. October 30 is the car show, with a band for music, organized by Jeff Rice. November 5th is a busy day, with the Alzheimer's walk at 8:30 a.m. led by Bob Coveney, and the Veteran's Bar B Q, organized by Frenchie Bisiaux, with assistance from Dave and Deb Kane. The price is still free to veterans and first responders, and \$5.00 to others. Bob Coveney will be selling tickets to win a WWII coin, with proceeds to go to the USO.
- h. Sunshine: Jennie Adams had no report.
- i. Welcome: Michele Shuler reported no new members.
- j. Maintenance: Ian Reade reported nothing new.

Old Business:

Treasurer Reade presented a proposal to upgrade and expand the website. It has not been upgraded for years, and needs attention just to continue.

By expanding the site to include a plug in for the Directory, we could save the costs of printing each year. With having a system of immediate input, we could keep the listing current. By providing a password security, we would limit the access to members. If a member wants a printed copy, they can print their copy from the site, or we could print one and sell it for a small profit for the Association. Access could be from a phone or laptop for portability.

The new website could easily handle advertising, which would be a source of income for the Association.

It would be prudent to have a committee to oversee and audit the website, but once it is set up, it would not require a great deal of time.

The cost right now is \$1040.00 for the upgrade and plug in. This is a lot of money, since we only have approximately \$12,000 on hand for the year. Treasurer Reade said she believes it will

save money in the future, and provide better value for the members. She recommended the expenditure.

After some discussion, the motion was made to upgrade the website according to this proposal, and was seconded. It passed unanimously. Treasurer Reade will begin the process with CS Advertising.

New Business:

Road Issues: Comments have been made about the use of the road for development not in our neighborhood. The current development is off 127th St. that is causing concern. President Bain will send a request to the developer to direct traffic to 127th St. Also, 380 acres immediately east of MWF have been purchased. It was learned that this project is for an agricultural development, and should not be an ongoing problem.

Newsletter Advertising: President Bain asked members to ask the various workmen who they employ to consider advertising in our newsletter. Just copy the prices from the website, and give it to them. It could result in more revenue for us.

Value of Membership: Frenchie Bisiaux would like to hear from members about what services or activities they want in the future.

President Bain asked members to consider having a tier system for activities. Members would pay a different, lower, price than non-members.

Good in the Hood: President Bain asked for nominations for recognition. Karen Reade nominated Kim Cooper, for all the hard work she has done to organize the activities. She and co-chair Carol English have been pulling in a variety of people with varied interests to our group.

It Pays to Come to Meetings: Mike Forget' was not present to win, so the money is rolled over to next meeting.

50/50: Patty Cohen won \$23.00!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

President Jim Bain

Treasurer Karen Reade

