

Palm Island Estates Homeowners Association

141 Kettle Harbor Drive

Minutes for the February 13, 2023 Board Meeting

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present: Craig Baresel, Linda Cotherman, Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout and Cori Palmere

Absent: Susanne Stubbs, Kathy Sickles, Deb Knighten

Guests: Susan and Blake Smereczynsky and Len and Patty Swederski

Minutes from the January 9, 2023 board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking account balance \$10,400, Savings account balance \$22,000, Action Fund \$6,700  
Scholarship Fund \$9,600.

Cori Palmere moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted for informational purposes. Motion passes unanimously.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Cori reported. An email was received concerning an incident heard about on the island. Deputy Prummell was contacted and informed PIE that the person involved had been arrested and has a restraining order to prevent him from returning to the island. This information was shared with the PIE member who emailed the question. Deputy Prummell reiterated he is available via email or the non-emergency dispatch number if further information is needed. Discussion regarding the importance of reporting even minor incidents to assure the island retains the appropriate amount of public safety coverage was discussed. Use the non-emergency number 941-639-2101 or 911 when appropriate.

A second email was received from a family that are seasonal renters wanting to join PIE. A discussion followed concerning the by-laws and whether that membership could be allowed. Currently only property owners or tenants that occupy a rental for a minimum of 12 months may join PIE. Topic tabled with the understanding that the board would discuss at a later date.

Website: Heather reported that we are currently paying \$12 a month for web hosting and that fee would increase to \$25 if we were to add a membership directory. There was a discussion regarding sharing membership information (name, address, phone number, email) with the general membership. Concerns about the email addresses being shared with non-members and used for unsolicited marketing purposes. Sharing names and addresses were thought to help people get to know their neighbors.

Craig brought a motion to have any directory be available to only board members. Heather seconded. 4 votes in support of the motion, 2 abstained.

Linda suggested we table the topic and discuss at a later date. Perhaps discuss at the Annual Meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Pie Action/Linda – No report. It was suggested to disband this committee for the time being.
- b. Info Central/ – The Resort will not be ready for a March 3, 2023 Town Hall meeting with Commissioner Truex. It was suggested to move the meeting to a later date. Meryl will contact Suzanne to update her with today's discussion. Linda will contact firehouse for possible availability.
- c. Social/ Kathy –The block party is scheduled for February 25, 2023. Flier has been circulated.
- d. Island Watch/Linda – Most of hurricane debris has been removed ahead of schedule. It was suggested to have a letter from PIE sent to the county thanking them for the excellent work on our island.
- e. Barrier Island Fire Advisory Board- No report. It was suggested to combine this board report with Island Watch.
- f. Community Liaison/Craig – We received a report from Deputy Prummell regarding island activity from September to December. We are posting it on our website. The County has a new computer program at the time was generated, so the dates are not in sequence. There will be another report sent to the membership after the end of March.
- g. Scholarship/Heather – No report
- h. Membership/Cori/Lindsay – Currently 167 members have renewed.
- i. Beautification/ - Linda suggested some of the previous Beautification Committee activities be taken on by BCIC. Craig and PIE member Blake Smereszynsky will continue work on the signs for the easements that were damaged by the hurricane.

### **Old Business**

Insurance has been secured. Investigation was done to try and lower our insurance costs for appropriate coverage for our organization. Approximately \$4,900 for this year. (Excellent work team!)

The next Board Meeting is March 13, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Cori Palmere-Recording Secretary

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