

Minutes for P.I.E. Board Meeting
Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.
December 9, 2024
141 Kettle Harbor Dr.

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present: Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates, George Sinnett, Deb Knighten, Linda Cotherman, Ember Harker, Mic McCully and Amy McCully. Susanne Stubbs, Kelly Lube and Kathy Sickle attended via phone. Amanda Small was not in attendance.

Minutes: Upon motion by Lindsay, the minutes for the November 11, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay Yates.

- Lindsay emailed the financial report to all board members, prior to meeting. Linda Cotherman made a motion to approve this report for information. All in favor, no one opposed.
- Lindsay confirmed total funds raised as of 11/30/24 are \$64,417. Ember added the potential of \$10,000 being raised at the Hideaway fundraiser on 12/11/24.

Corresponding Secretary: Deb Knighten

- Meryl informed everyone that the application to build on dunes at Beach Place was officially denied by the DEP.
- Someone who lives on the beach asked if PIE is going to have the beach walkover stairs removed from their property that the recent storms displaced. Linda will assess how far onto their property they are vs how close they are to the beach and maybe the county can haul off during the next beach cleanup.

Administrative Update: Lindsay Yates

- Linda will get in touch with the new contact at the fire department to coordinate our annual meeting for 1/4/25. Board members will set up and break down. Amy will ask island kid, Jett Parrish to help as well. Likely need 8 tables and 40-50 chairs.

Committee Reports:

a. Info Central: Susanne Stubbs

- Nothing to report
- Can we do a combo for prepping for the sewer hearing?

b. Social: Kelly Lube

- Donuts with Santa are 12/14/24 with an authentic Santa. Deb put up signs. Flyers are on Facebook. Melissa Goodhead donating to the children again.
- New Years Day parade planning underway. Exact route and details will be decided as it gets closer since the state of the storm debris changes daily.
- Communications to send out an email with an official "Thank you" to Melissa Goodhead for all of her efforts.

c. Island Watch/Roads and Bridges/Fire District: Linda Cotherman

- Charlotte County is reconsidering a change of speed limit on the island. 15 mph on all sand roads. 15 mph on N. Gulf Blvd. from the ferry to the Kosinski bridge.

And lowering the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on N. Gulf Blvd. from the Kosinski bridge to the resort to meet DOT and other requirements.

- Charlotte county has officially approved full beach renourishment
- BICI is working on a long term project with Charlotte County on the new landscaping at the firehouse.
- Waste Management is bringing out new garbage cans for those lost in the storms.

d. Community Liaison: Linda Cotherman

- Nothing to report

e. Scholarships: Kelly Lube

- The Thanksgiving day Turkey Trot put on by the Reardon family, raised \$385 in donations.
- Hunter Barrettsmith has submitted his Island Kids Scholarship form, and the Scholarship committee has approved it. His goal statement was read aloud at the meeting. It will be sent to communications along with a photo of him. He will be in the New Year's Day parade, but will not be at the annual meeting to accept the check due to a wrestling tournament.

f. Membership/Welcome: Deb Knighten

- Deb and George met and will need to work with Meryl to learn about mailchimp.

g. Communications/Website: Ember Harker

- The logo options will be sent to the board members to be voted on before the annual meeting. The top choices will then be presented at the annual meeting and members will be asked to vote for their top two choices.

h. Nominating: Amy McCully, Deb Knighten

- Nothing to report

i. PIE Action: Meryl Schaffer

- All necessary testimonies were submitted by the 11/1/24 deadline.
- We are now in the discovery phase until early January 2025.
- After the Hideaway fundraiser on 12/11/24, we will ramp up another letter writing campaign to the county commissioners.
- We need a strong presence at the hearing at the end of January 2025. Hoping for 100+ people in attendance, and 50+ to stand up and speak.
- There has been a change to EU's engineering plans adding a second connection in the ICW to the mainland.
- More yard signs to be made and given out at the Hideaway fundraiser to get them into yards sooner than later.

Old Business: Meryl Schaffer

- Deb will begin to work on the ferry landing camera after the new year.

New Business: None

Comments from Guests: No guests in attendance.

Non Agenda items: None

Kathy made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Amy McCully, Recording Secretary. Submitted 12/9/24