

P.I.E Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2004

President, Valerie Guenther, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Suzy Kett, Dan Kett, Andy Nichols, Bob Horswill, Kevin Mackin, Duane Allen, Cassie Ator, Dick Aulenti, Jim Clinton, Carol Peterson and Meryl Schaffer. Absent: Holly Connover-Wade, Kimber Dill and Mike Fahlmark.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Old Business

Bank signatures: Carol will get the appropriate forms and Suzy will collect the necessary information to open the new accounts at Englewood Bank.

Newsletter: Meryl Schaffer led a discussion on the proposal to buy a block subscription of the Spindrift newsletter for PIE members to supplant the PIE newsletter. The cost would be \$15 per year per PIE member for 6 issues, three of which would contain special PIE news inserts. It was suggested that the first issue contain a statement that the PIE Board made the decision to use Spindrift as the common newsletter. Meryl voiced concern about the overlap with current Spindrift subscribers and PIE members who will be paying twice for the subscription (once through their PIE membership and once through their Spindrift subscription). The decision was made not to charge PIE for the subscriptions of current subscribers. A motion was made to use Spindrift as the common newsletter at a cost of \$15 per year per PIE member. Motion carried.

Island Poll: Valerie brought up the need to do an Island Poll as required in the by-laws. It was decided to put the poll in the next Spindrift newsletter at the end of February. Obvious topics for the poll are the sewer and bridges. Other questions need to be given to Meryl for inclusion in Spindrift. Duane will research the cost of bulk mailings in an effort to save money on any and all mailings PIE does to the membership and island residents in general.

Membership List: PIE currently has 135 members.

PIE Web Page: A motion was made and carried to have EWOL update our web page at a cost of \$58.00. Valerie will call them.

Art in the Palms: Valerie will talk to the Dalzell sisters to see if they are interested in being Co-Chairs of Art in the Palms.

Legal: There is approximately \$16,258 in the legal defense account. Jim Wade summarized the contents of the engagement letter from the law firm we have hired to represent us on our opposition to the wastewater treatment facilities proposed by Island Environmental Utilities, Inc. Discussion was had regarding the \$7500 retainer which will be held pending the payment of our last bill. A motion was made and carried to authorize Jim to negotiate with the attorneys and sign the letter if they will change the contract to bill against the retainer down to \$2500.

PAC: Jim Clinton and Andy Nichols presented a plan to take the candidates for County Commissioners out to lunch to assess where they stand with regard to the bridgeless barrier islands. Discussion ensued about how to approach the candidates and the purpose of the PAC. The purpose of the PAC is to raise money and support candidates who support island values and interests. It will not be operated by PIE. Jim and Andy will approach Little Gasparilla to discuss affiliating for the purposes of the PAC. A motion was made and carried to have Jim and Andy take the candidates for lunch to assess their responsiveness to island issues.

Bridge: Jim Clinton read a letter of engagement from the firm hired to represent us regarding a credit on the Kosinsky bridge repair. A motion was passed and carried to have Jim sign the letter.

Social Activities: Suzy Kett suggested that we need an island social committee as events, which bring the

islands together, are becoming more and more important. A motion was made and carried to create an Events Committee with Suzy as chair. A call for committee members will go out in the next newsletter. Suzy reported that the Senior Prom is on track. Some discussion on the cost of the Pigeon Toed Pelican and alternate venues.

Grader: Dan Kett reported on the purchase of the grader. There are assigned drivers and he has secured insurance for \$400 per year. Dan has been reimbursed \$5000 of the \$9000 cost and will receive the rest of the money as the funds come in. A motion was made and carried to give Jim Becker a \$100 gift certificate for his work. Suzy and Dan will take care of it.

Moving the shed: Dick Aulenti will take responsibility for moving the shed.

New Business

Absent Board Members: Discussion about PIE board members who have missed two consecutive meetings without a valid excuse.

Sewer: Andy Nichols will arrange a meeting with Linda Bamfield and Ron Koenig to discuss their testimony before the PSC. Since we have an attorney engaged to represent us on the matter, we need to be a united front. A motion was made and carried to ask Linda send the attorneys any information they do not already have.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Peterson
Secretary