

October 4, 2004 PIE Board Minutes

President, Valerie Guenther, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present: Valerie Guenther, Meryl Schaffer, Jim Clinton, Kevin Mackin, Andy Nichols, Mike Fahlmark, Cassie Ator, Susie Kett, Dan Kett, Carol Peterson. Absent: Kimber Dill, Holly Connover-Wade, Bob Horswill Excused: Dick Aulenti. Guests: Pat Gordon, Sarah Fahlmark, Craig Noden.

Mike Fahlmark made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2004. The motion was seconded by Cassie Ator and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Legal Fund Status: Jim Clinton reported that there is \$7,345.03 in the account.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Fahlmark reported that the PIE checking account balance is \$7, 595.77. Mike made a motion to move the account from Englewood Bank to Bank of America due to problems with Englewood Bank. Jim Clinton seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. Mike reported that the corporation taxes had been paid for 2004.

Scholarship Fund: The Scholarship Committee forwarded a request from Karriss Boyer for scholarship money. The filing date for such requests had passed. Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for scholarships. It was determined that the Scholarship Committee needs to look at the criteria and bring any recommendations for change to the PIE Board. Susie Kett made a motion to make an exception for Karriss and accept her application for a \$500 scholarship even though the filing date had passed. Mike Fahlmark seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Island Clean –Up: Island clean up is scheduled for October 23 at 9 AM. A motion was made by Jim Clinton and seconded by Dan Kett to approve a \$150.00 expenditure for food after the clean up. Meryl will put notices on the beach accesses and bulletin boards notifying homeowners about the clean up. Valerie has requested help from the County to haul brush and other trash off of the island following the clean up.

Art in the Palms: Art in the Palms is on Saturday, November 6 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Pinfish Point. Pat Gordon reported that there are 17 artists signed up so far. She made a request for PIE Board members to help with specific activities. Kevin Mackin will provide transportation from the ferry landing to Pinfish Point. All Board members are to solicit items for the Silent Auction, which Valerie will run. All Board members are responsible for set-up and clean up. Stu will make his usual, famous etouffee but he needs a new, large pot. Carol Peterson made a motion, seconded by Susie Kett to reimburse Stu \$38 for the pot. The motion was passed unanimously. Mike Fahlmark will take care of arranging for Port-a-Johns.

Kosinsky Bridge: Due to a total lack of response from the BCC to requests made by the Advisory Committee for a 60-day suspension of all activities related to the construction of the new bridge, the PIE Board decided to pursue other options. Andy Nichols presented an alternative to the county's plan for a concrete bridge – a wooden bridge. There was discussion about how to work with the BCC and Tom O'Kane to make our voices heard. Andy asked the PIE Board to support a resolution to the Advisory Committee requesting a 60-day moratorium to give islanders a chance to investigate wooden bridges. Craig Noden gave the board some background on the bridges based on his many years as a contractor on the islands and his experience working with the BCC and other county officials. He believes that the most critical point we should make is

that we are paying 100% for the replacement of the bridge and should have a choice regarding its design, materials, etc. He supported Andy's suggestion that we ask the Advisory Committee to request a 60-day delay in order to review the bridge. Craig said that it might take an injunction to put a stop to the bridge. Andy Nichols made a motion to make a forceful resolution from the PIE Board to take to the Advisory Committee on Saturday, October 10. The resolution would ask the Advisory Committee to take action on a Moratorium and Reconsideration request based on the style and cost of the replacement bridge proposed by Charlotte County. Jim Clinton seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Social: Susie Kett discussed various possibilities for social events during the next few months. Susie suggested a street party on November 20 to benefit the legal fund. Mike Fahlmark made a motion, seconded by Jim Clinton to authorize Susie to spend up to \$800 for the party. The motion was passed unanimously.

Environmental: Sarah Fahlmark distributed a report on Environmental Committee's activities over the summer and early fall.

New Business

Shed: Valerie reported that the PIE shed had been cleaned out. A motion was made by Carol Peterson and seconded by Susie Kett to sell the shed at Art in the Palms. The motion was passed unanimously.

PIE Website: Valerie reported that the website should be up and running soon.

PIE Bulletin Board: Mike Fahlmark will take care of maintaining the bulletin board.

Hosman Memorial: Jim Clinton reported that \$100 had been sent to Mr. Hosman's favorite charity. We will discuss the criteria for donations at a future board meeting.

PIE Trashcans: Gil Guenther and Duane Allen continually empty the trashcans for PIE. The PIE board needs to come up with a plan for regular pick-up, which will distribute the work evenly and relieve the two men of the constant duty. The gazebo can is damaged and needs replacing. A motion was made by Jim Clinton and seconded by Andy Nichols to replace the damaged can.

Spindrift/PIE: Meryl Schaeffer reported that the December 1 issue of Spindrift will be the last issue of the year. We need to include PIE issues such as an increase in dues, elimination of the island poll and the 12/31/04 deadline for the payment of dues to include the subscription to Spindrift.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM on a motion by Carol Peterson, seconded by Susie Kett and passed unanimously.