

Dear PIE Members:

The PIE Board of Directors is proud to share our accomplishments this year with our membership. It has been our pleasure to serve you in the following ways:

Communications Committee:

- Maintained the website and apprised members via e-mail blast when important events were occurring.
- Maintained the PIE Bulletin Boards.
- Publicized upcoming events via email, website and local banners and posters. Posted photos on the website subsequent to our events.
- First year of implementing the use of electronic notification for official notice of membership meetings. We want to thank our members for approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws which will now allow us to conduct our annual meeting business electronically.

Island Watch and Info Central Committees:

- Arranged for a public meeting chaired by Travis Mortimer, Charlotte County Assistant Administrator and Commissioner Bill Truex to update residents on the status of the new fire house site selection.
- Representatives worked with local governmental agencies, attending public meetings on matters affecting the residents of our island; i.e., proposed increases in the water rates and beach renourishment projects.
- Representatives also attended area-wide meetings on red tide.
- Sponsored a mini-CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program.

Island Beautification Committee:

- The Board coordinated member volunteers maintaining the gardens at the ferry landing.
- The American Flag raised every morning at the ferry landing.
- Held an annual Beautification Day with volunteers clearing the natural areas around the fire station, the beach accesses and bridges.
- New Beach Access signs were designed and installed at the 13 private beach access entrances.
- The Gazebo was completely refurbished with rotten boards replaced, roof panels repaired, and the entire structure was repainted.

Safety Committee:

- PIE hired off-duty sheriff deputies to provide additional security on some holiday weekends and also coordinated weekly with the local Deputy on matters of security.

Social Committee:

- Sponsored Street Dance in February (which was free to PIE members) and the Halloween Pumpkins and Prizes sale and decorating contest.
- New this year was the PIE Community YARRD Sale at the ferry landing.
- Coming up: Santa-Con Parade, holiday decorations at the ferry landing and the New Year's Day parade.

The annual membership meeting will be held Saturday, January 4th, 2020.

We need 50% of our 240 members to be present either in person or by proxy in order to conduct business at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, it is **very important** that you **send in a completed proxy form** so that we can fulfill our quorum requirement. If we don't have a quorum, we will not be able to vote to approve any items on the meeting agenda.

In order to count your proxy toward attendance, **we must receive the completed proxy form by no later than 5 pm Friday, January 3rd, 2020.** You may return it to us by e-mail to 2020PIEmeeting@gmail.com OR you may give it to someone who will be attending the meeting OR you can send via snailmail to the address at the top of the page. If you have any questions, please e-mail louwilson2016@gmail.com. ***It is very important to us that you respond.***

It is also time for you to renew your membership. The annual dues are now \$50.00. This is the first time there has been an increase in over ten years. **You must be a dues-paid member for year 2020 in order to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting.** If you are planning to attend the meeting, you may pay by cash or check on-site when you arrive. If you are not able to attend the meeting, **payment to PIE must be received by December 31, 2019.**

Payment can be made through PayPal on our Membership website. You do NOT need to have a PayPal account to pay through the PIE membership web page. OR, you can snail-mail a check made payable to PIE to P.O. Box 3151, Placida, Fl. 33946.

If there has been **no change** to your membership information (i.e. phone numbers, mailing or email addresses, Island address) **you do not need to fill out an application form.** If your membership information has changed, please fill out the membership application form on page 6 and email to 2020PIEmeeting@gmail.com. No applications can be accepted without payment.

We are always looking for volunteers! Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering with our activities. We really need members to help the Social Committee with the planning and hosting of events that are fun and are a great way to meet your neighbors. We also need your ideas on what PIE can do to improve the Island lifestyle.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting, but **if you cannot attend, please complete the proxy.** Instructions are located at the top of proxy form included with this mailing.

We want to wish each of you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!
Help us keep our island the "Hidden Gem" we all know and love.

Sincerely,
Your PIE Board of Directors

P.S. If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting Proxy Form and ballots please contact us via email at 2020PIEmeeting@gmail.com.