

Minutes for
P.I.E. Board Meeting
Monday, September 11th, 2023. 5:00 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order at 5:01

Roll Call

In attendance: Meryl Schaffer, Deb Knighten, Heather Stout, Linda Cotherman, Craig Baresel, Cori Palmere, Lindsay Yates, Susanne Stubbs. Absent: Kathy Sickles

Guests: Board member nominees: Amy McCully, Kelly Lube. Other PIE members: Jeannie and John Adams, Mic McCully, David Stubbs

Approve Minutes of August 14th, 2023 Meeting: Linda Cotherman made the motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Member Comments: One email with opinions about the sewer situation was responded to by Meryl.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay reported no new expenses. New membership dues will be reflected next month.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: See member comments.

Website: The tab "Hot Topics" has been updated to include the history of the sewer issue. It includes timeline, history, etc.

Committee Reports:

- a. Info Central: Suzanne reported on 8/26/23 Info Central Q&A on the Old Station 10 fire house. About 30 people attended. An article about the town hall was posted on the website at the "News Blog" tab.
- b. Social: Kathy reported there will be a PIE sponsored Trunk or Treat for Halloween. Everyone is invited to bring candy for the kids, decorate their golf carts, kids and adults come in costume, bring your carved jack-o-lantern. Prizes will be awarded for the above categories. Date and location will be posted when we know for sure.
- c. Island Watch / Roads & Bridges: Linda reported there is FEMA money being sought to repair dunes at the public easement on N. Gulf. . Linda will check on the safety of easement #4. The county is aware of homeowners out of compliance with access to easements #8 and #5. Violation letters have been sent. Linda also reported the fundraising is going well for Firehouse #10 purchase and a fundraising potluck is scheduled for Sept. 16th.
- d. Barrier Island Fire District MSBU: Linda said no meeting since last PIE meeting.
- e. Community Liaison: Craig received the quarterly report of island interaction with the Sheriff Department from Deputy Billy Prummell. The format of the attachment needs to be modified.

Meryl will take care of this, and it will be available on the PIE website.

- f. Scholarship: Cori reported no applicants.
- g. Membership: Cori did not have any additional members to report.
- h. Nominating: Deb reported Amy McCully, Kelly Lube are two PIE board nominees. They have fulfilled the requirement of attending one meeting before going through the election process. Their pictures and biographies can be found on the PIE website. Meryl will send out a general call to the membership next month to see if anyone else would like to be considered.

Old Business

Community Planning: nothing to report.

Old Station 10 Property: The closed bid for purchasing the Firehouse is Sept. 20th at 2:00 pm. Addendums to the bid proposal are being posted online. Questions go to Linda. County is responding quickly. Fellowship is not going to bid because they could not overcome the parking restriction.

Mission Statement: Deb emailed board member comments regarding brainstorming a “tag line” to include with PIE correspondences to clarify what PIE is. She is requesting additional contributions. It was agreed that the Board vote on a list of initiatives that we plan to focus on in 2024, to present at our annual meeting.

New Business

The Return of EU: The board had discussion regarding the Charlotte County Commissioners approving a resolution in support of EU. Our attorney Brad Kelsky recommended PIE take no action at this time.

Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)

Dune restoration: Who is responsible for dune restoration post-storm? Re-planting and snow fence permits? How does the state park get fixed? (they don't). Mike Poff of Coastal Engineering would be first point of contact.

Anne Merry Bridge

Cable is down again. Boats have hit it in high tide. Comcast has never fixed it permanently. Piece is about 18” down. Craig will reach out to Deputy Billy to follow up.

Adjournment. Suzanne Stubbs moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Cori Palmere