

P.I.E. Board Meeting Minutes
When: April 9, 2018 5:00 PM EST
Where: Gasparilla Way Fire House

Present: Linda Cotherman, Gary Galloway, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout, David Witters, Sally Johnson, Dave Mulvaney, Craig Baresel, Lou Ellen Wilson, and Andy Ronald arrived at 5:15 pm.

Remote and present by telephone: Monica Errico

Absent: Jeff Bisgrove – excused, Cori Hane Palmere – excused.

Meeting called to order: 5:01 PM by Lou Ellen Wilson

1. Roll Call/Establish Quorum – F.S. 617 states that Board Members are not allowed to have a proxy if they are not present, proxies are only for Membership Meetings.
2. Approval Minutes March 12, 2018 Meeting
 - Sally motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the January 8, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Report of the President (Lou Ellen Wilson):
 - Lou Ellen recommended the Membership Committee be under the Administration Committee. Linda made motion to move Membership Committee under the Administration Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Lou Ellen recommended that the Social Committee be reorganized. Lou Ellen stated that a Committee Chair does not have to be a Board Member.
 - Lou Ellen made a motion to nominate Rose Malone as the new Social Committee Chair, Rose agreed prior to the Board Meeting to accept the position. The motion was approved. Lou Ellen stated that she will be the Board Member liaison for the Social Committee. Lou Ellen thanked Jeff Bisgrove for his service on the committee.
4. Treasurer's Report (Lindsay Yates):
 - Lindsay reviewed Band in the Sand and stated that the amount is not final. The event produced \$1,016.00 of income with an expense of \$995.00.
 - Lindsay recently sent emails to 40 members who did not renew in 2018, to date. She has received 7 responses back for renewal.
 - Tickets for the 50/50 raffle were not utilized during the Band in the Sand, the roll of tickets will be returned to Lindsay.
 - Dave Mulvaney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for information as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Dave Mulvaney):
 - Website Traffic over the last month has increased from an average of 22 unique individuals per day to 42 unique individuals per day.

- Regarding our "Page Views per day" we have seen an increase from an average of 43 pages per day to 125 pages per day.
- Top 3 pages viewed besides our main page are: Board Meeting Minutes/Agenda, our News page and then our Social page
- Regarding the "Member ONLY" page - Lindsay is working on the excel spreadsheet and it will be posted when she is done.
- Created a new PIE Mailchimp account for the monthly newsletter and future emails for tracking purposes.
- Dave Mulvaney made a motion that our website home page should have PIE specific information only. The motion was amended by Lindsay and then further amended by David Witters and now reads: "The PIE home page will be for PIE specific information only; the exception will be for special 1-time charity event notification. The special 1-time charity event must be held by a non-profit organization, the event should be for the benefit of the island residents and as long as they [the non-profit organization] have permits properly beforehand. The notice will be placed on the PIE home page not to exceed 3 weeks in advance of the special 1-time charity event". The motion passed unanimously with Lou Ellen abstaining.

6. Committee Reports:

- Info Central (Sally Johnson):
 - We have 3 separate speakers coming on April 25th at 1:00pm. The info-Central meeting will be held at the Resort Clubhouse and will feature Dee Hawkins, Ellen Pinder and Patrick Mahoney.
 - Dee Hawkins is the Charlotte County EMS/ Fire Public Safety Information Officer. Ellen Pinder is a CERT representative (Community Emergency Response Team). Patrick Mahoney works with FL Forest Service. He will speak on how we can protect our homes from wildfires. The speakers will address how we can prevent, protect and handle emergency situations.
- Social (Jeff Bisgrove): Report was read by Monica Errico
 - P.I.E. hosted the annual "Band in the Sand" social event on North Gulf Boulevard. A record breaking 450+ Islanders attended the event to listen to Bandana against the backdrop of the ocean. We would like to thank these Board Members who helped to set up the event, Jeff Bisgrove, Dave Witter, Dave Mulvaney, and Monica Errico. We would also like to thank the previous Board Members who assisted with the event, Wayne Ratajack and Gerry Illiano. Thank you to the many island volunteers including (but not limited too) Mike Szakaly, Rose Malone, Martin Stirdivant, Donald & Sande Thomas, and Melissa Kassouf. We also appreciate the support of the following Board Members for attending, Lou Ellen Wilson, Craig Baresel, Andy Ronald, and Sally Johnson. We'd also like to thank Erica Mulvaney for the many hours spent designing the flyers and the banner. We'd like to thank the Social Committee for taking the time and effort to work with Rylie Pevec, Erica Mulvaney and John Witters to obtain volunteer hours towards their Island Scholarship Fund requirement.
 - The issue of permits that are required for events going forward was reviewed. All events in the future may require PIE to apply for a Temporary Use Permit from

Charlotte County. The fees can range from \$1,000.00 upwards to a couple of thousand dollars. State permits may also be needed depending on the type of event that is going to be held.

- Island Watch (Linda Cotheman):
 - March 30th the Board of County Commissioners(B.C.C.) selected 5 out of 7 people to be on the new Barrier Island Fire Unit MSBU Advisory Board. They are Candy Cohen, Jim Gordon, Bill Peterson, Lou Ellen Wilson and Wendy Dalzell.
 - April 10th, the B.C.C. will be choosing another Road & Bridges Member.
 - April 10, the B.C.C. will vote on the 3 highest bidders for the new Fire House. Magnum was the highest bidder and if approved the negotiations will start with that company. This project is not a bid process, it was a selection of a company that would do a design build. Magnum was the highest ranked company out of 7 or 8 submittals.
 - A location has not been chosen yet for the new Fire Station.
 - April 30th, Road & Bridges meeting will be held at San Casa at 9:30am.
 - Road & Bridges survey by DMK Associates will be scanned and published on the website.

- Administration Committee (Lindsay Yates):
 - The committee has started to work on the By-Law revisions and hopefully they will have the proposed revisions available in August.

- Security Committee (Dave Mulvaney):
 - Once again, there have been no Major crimes reported.
 - There has been an increased police presence on the island for the "main" spring break weeks, this was initiated by Sheriff Ed Trentacosta. There has been talk on the island that a group of individuals are claiming that they requested the additional sheriff's detail, this is NOT true. There were NO additional paid details during spring break. There are still funds approved for hiring an off-duty office to be on the island after hours during a future holiday weekend.
 - Once word gets around that Sheriff Ed now has a radar gun and is writing citations, we should see a reduction in speeding. Sheriff Ed has been sitting during the peak times of travel running radar in an attempt to catch people speeding.

- Welcome Committee (Pam Mulvaney):
 - Erica Mulvaney has been working on researching the Charlotte County website for the last 3 years of records for people who have purchased land or moved to the island.
 - Continued working on the "Welcome Packet" and some Rules of the Road or Island etiquette when welcoming everyone to the island.
 - Potential advertising opportunities and island friendly vendors that understand the special situations of working on the island. This would not be an endorsement of any vendor, will present a working copy to the Board for review.

- Would like to make a “PIE magnet” with website address, will submit proposal.
- Information on native plants and species on the island to be included in the packet.
- Scholarship Committee (Heather Stout):
 - No written report
No applications received yet and the Chair is looking for additional members to serve on the committee.
 - Kathy Sadenwater and Gary Galloway volunteered to serve on this committee. President appointed them to same.

7. Old Business:

- Goals & Objectives/Formation of Committees
 - Recap of Members Comments that were submitted on the Annual Ballots
 - Newsletter has been sent out to the Members. Deadlines for articles to be submitted should be at least 10 days prior to the end of the current month.
 - Dick Sadenwater spoke about the testing of service water around the island. The Board discussed continuing the annual testing of surface water. Heather and Monica were asked by Dick and Lou Ellen to take over the coordinating of the testing program which consists of driving a person around the island to the testing sites, both declined. Dick asked Monica if she felt that we should increase the testing from the current parts per 100, Monica will look into the benefits. Craig stated that he will volunteer to coordinate the testing program going forward.
 - Linda made a motion to continue the annual testing at a rate of \$550.00. Lindsay stated that the motion was already made and passed in a previous meeting for 2018 testing. The motion will stand to re-affirm the current Boards position. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Sewer report: Craig stated that the County named a new Utilities Director and then pulled him from that position 3 days prior to the announcement meeting. The new meeting is slated for May 15th and hopefully a new Director will be named.
 - Craig believes that Knight Island Utilities has signed an agreement with the county. There are no details of the agreement at this time. Craig stated that the main sewer line should be running from the Palm Island Resort to the Ferry landing straight down North Gulf Blvd.
 - Palm Island Transit meetings: Craig has had meetings with Chris Shepard, Adam Beckstead and Mark Farrell. The communications have been very beneficial. There are opportunities for “off-hours” ferry service, please contact Palm Island Transit office directly for rates.

8. New Business

- Request from PIE member for consideration of No Wake Zone at ferry landing
 - Linda gave history that Palm Island Transit did NOT want a No Wake Zone as this would hold them up too much.
 - The Charlotte County Advisory Board representing the Waterway Committee surveyed local businesses and residents. The compromise was signage stating that boat operators are responsible for their wake.
 - Craig will revisit with Palm Island Transit to ensure that they still do not want a no wake zone.
 - Craig will be trimming bushes at the ferry landing.

9. Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)

- A statement for future thought was presented. When items are not on the agenda and are brought up during the meeting, discussed by the Board and then moved to a motion there should be a time allotment to the members in the audience to have an opportunity to speak.

Adjournment: 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Mulvaney – Corresponding Secretary