

Meeting Minutes:

The June 8th, 2021, meeting of the South Gate Association was called to order at 6:32 PM by President, Dave Swenson.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Steve Smagacz, approved on a motion by Allison Werner, 2nd by Dan Knotts. The motion was passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Steve Lewis. For the month of May, the Associations incurred expenses of \$5,058, which include \$2008 for electric, \$251 for water, \$360 for lawn maintenance, \$278 for trash removal, \$172 for building maintenance, and \$1000 for insurance.

The Association have outstanding debts of \$43,763.09 which include, the loan from Virginia Miller of \$20,000, Legal fees of \$19,309, \$988.43 for insurance, \$1,828.73 for Taxes.

Income for the month of May was \$14,652. Which include \$7,472 for membership dues, \$3,200 for pool membership, \$3059 for Hall rental, \$600 for Estoppel letters, contributions of \$100, and Tee shirt sales of \$40.

Checking account \$36,194.32. Escrow account \$5,350. Total assets of the Association are \$238,255.20.

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Steve Smagacz, 2nd by Seth Johnson, the motion was passed.

Announcements:**Committee Reports:****Deed Restriction Committee:**

VP Seth Johnson reported that five cases of parking on the grass have been resolved. We currently have a fence height issue at 2818 Tangelo. President Dave Swenson reported that the actual amount owed for attorney's fees is \$10,800, an additional estimated amount of \$2,400 was incurred in the last month. Steve Novick, our legal advisor has sold his house and moving out of the community, therefor He has resigned from the Board.

Building & Grounds:

President Dave Swenson read the proposal for purchasing the Property, submitted by the County of Sarasota. Then explained how the proxy vote worked. Vice President Seth Johnson explained in detail that the offer from the County also includes the preservation, and restoration of the building. President Swenson outlined the plans for an informational meeting with all residents invited. There will be presentations supporting the sale of the property, and presentations for those who feel selling to the County is a bad idea. The meeting will also include a Q&A format at the end of the presentations. All information will be posted on the Web site, including the Proposal and the Work plan from the County, also the dates for the meeting and the Election.

Social Events:

Chairperson Andrea Needham reported on the South Gate business networking club meeting held on the 25th of May. 12 people attended. This generated some volunteers for Committees. These meetings will be held quarterly in the future. The first South Gate supper club was held last Thursday. The supper club will be held the first Thursday of every month at a local South Gate establishment or at the Hall. The Florida Studio Children's Theater Group is booked for the 25th of July. The marketing membership meetings are on Wednesday at 5:30 every week. Anyone interested in volunteering or helping on any Committees, would be a great help. President Swenson reported on the Sarasota Estuary program, and their presentation held at the Community Center. Please try to help keep our water ways clean.

Pool Committee:

Chairman Dan Knotts reported we have 70 paid pool memberships. We have a \$400 fee for the Pool permit. VP Johnson refunded \$100 for a pool membership, Alcoholic beverages and smoking is not allowed in the pool area. The deep end marker rope may be removed while swimming laps but must be replaced after you are done.

Membership Committee:

Chairperson Kelly Whalin reported that work has hindered her participation, and thanked Allison Werner for stepping up, and being persistent in bringing in new members.

Marketing & Public Relations:

Chairperson Allison Werner reported we now have 1,040 subscribers to the newsletter at news@vivasouthgate.com. An auto welcome will be sent to new subscribers, acknowledging their subscription. The monthly newsletter is up and running.

Unfinished Business:

VP Johnson read the Work Plan Submitted by the County. The work plan includes public water access, fishing and wildlife conservation, Playground, Kayak Launch, Fishing Pier, Picnic area with benches, and continued operation as a Community Center. Questions were raised concerning the specifics of the work plan, and the use of the facility by the Association, after the County takes control. This can be negotiated. Questioned were raised concerning the actual number of members we now have. There is a gap between contributions and membership fees. This needs to be addressed before a vote is taken, so we can be assured of the actual number of the members.

New Business:

Lori Maldowney from the Sarasota Historic Preservation board gave a presentation concerning the historic importance of our building and other historic buildings designed by Victor Lundy. Lori believes that since the County has acknowledged our building as historic, it is possible it may be acknowledged on the State, or even the Federal level. There are grants that can be applied for. A question was raised about using our electronic message board on Tuttle to advertise upcoming events. President Swenson stated he does not believe it draws enough attention while people are navigating the roundabout, and for now we are trying to direct people's attention to the Web Site.

