

SPANISH LAKES - GOLF VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 7, 2023

Call to order

- The meeting was held in the Auditorium and called to order at 7:01 PM.
- Members were welcomed by HOA president, Bill Neal.
- Board of Directors introduced: Bill Neal - President, Chuck Kons – Vice President, Susan George - Secretary, Sandi Pierce – Membership Coordinator. Absent – Doreen Van Buren – Treasurer
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting

The membership considered waiving the reading of the last meeting minutes as they are posted for review on the HOA website and binder in the clubhouse. Bobby Clancy moved to waive reading the 11/2/23 meeting minutes and to accept them as written and posted; Louise Muskas seconded. All were in favor – motion was passed.

Treasurer's report for the period of 10/5/23 to 11/2/23 - Bill

Bill reported in Doreen's absence that the starting checking account starting balance was \$8675.85, and ending balance is \$9649.13. The savings account ending balance is \$100. Petty cash balance is \$51.15. (*See detailed treasurer report*). Ann Marie Huggins moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Linda DiPietro seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Membership Report - Sandi

- **Membership** – Current membership is 183. Sandi reminded everyone that the annual club signup will be on January 6, 2024 from 9AM to 11AM, in the Card Room. All clubs will be represented. HOA annual dues will again be \$10.
- **Sunshine** – Since the last meeting, 2 sympathy cards and 3 get well cards were sent.
- **New homeowners** – We still don't receive notification regarding new residents. If you see someone new in your neighborhood, let Sandi know the address and she'll provide a welcome letter. We hope to do another Welcome Reception in the Spring.

Fundraising/Events

- **Grille Report & Information – Susan**
 - The Grille was open 7 days in November.
 - Sales were \$375.90; Expenditures were \$170.86; Net profit was \$205.04.
 - There were only 49 orders for the month, and average 7/day.
 - Welcome to new volunteer Darlene. Anyone interested in volunteering, see Louise.
 - Reminder – The Grille is a steady source of revenue for our legal fund but it is time consuming for the volunteers, whom we thank for their time and effort. We need better support from the community, and ask all members to commit to coming to the Grille for lunch at least one Monday or Tuesday each month.
- **Recent Events - Event coordinators**
 - Fran reported that the Craft Fair and Flea Market on November 4th was quite successful, garnering \$1,062.18. The donated tag sale items and baked goods were much appreciated. We will still have our usual Flea Market and Craft Fair in February.
 - Sandi reported that our first "Friendsgiving" Potluck Luncheon had 43 people in attendance and feedback was positive. We plan to make this an annual event.

- Sandi reported that we had 88 guests at the Holiday Mixer. The food and music were good, people were up dancing and having lots of fun. Kudos to Vivian and Jackie on their first foray into coordinating a large event.
- **Upcoming HOA Events – Bill**
 - Reminder given that the HOA Grille days are Mondays and Tuesdays
 - Movie Night will be on 12/8. The movie will be “The Christmas Cottage.”
 - Decoration take-down will start on 1/2/24 and is the responsibility of all the clubs. Because rodents again got into items in storage, everything needs to be in sealed plastic storage bins. Jose said he will see that the holes in the storage building are repaired.
 - Reminders – the Shuffleboard Club is coordinating the Christmas Golf Cart Parade; the New England Club will be hosting a New Years Eve event.
 - Annual Club Signup will be on January 6, 2024
 - There will be pre-movie dinner on January 12th. The cost will be \$10 for a full meal, and signup will be required. Watch for details.
 - We are still looking for canopies to borrow for the Pool Party on March 17th. If you have one and will lend it for the day, please let a Board member know.

Media Reports

- **Facebook – Bill**
 - We now have 638 Facebook members/friends.
 - Reminder – Posting is limited to HOA members only.
- **Website & HOA News – Susan**
 - The website had 1300 views and 241 visitors in November.
 - The Minutes page was viewed 76 times.
 - The ban on putting HOA information in the park newsletter continues. In response, HOA NEWS is being published weekly on Thursday. It is posted on the bulletin board by the restrooms, on our website and Facebook page. Copies to take home are in the front pocket of the HOA binder in the clubhouse.

Old Business - Bill

- **Litigation status**
 - Nothing has happened since our last meeting. Judge Belanger retired approximately November 6th. It’s our understanding that there are 3 candidates vying for his position.
 - Normally the judgeship is an elected position, however as this is mid-term, the new judge will be appointed and serve until the next election.
 - We don’t expect action on our lawsuit for a while, possibly months, as the new judge will need to review all the pending cases, including our suit’s pending motions.
 - **Fundraising** - We need to continue to raise money for legal bills. In addition to making donations, supporting fundraising efforts such as events and the Grille is very important.
- **Wynne property condition** – There have been some improvements in the Wynne properties, but they still do not meet the standards expected for park resident’s homes.
- **Park employees** - Once again, everyone is reminded that park employees are not responsible for policies and procedures that upset us. The Wynne Building Company doesn’t want to accept responsibility, but they make the rules. Use the concern process outlined in the park newsletter.
- **Retaliation** - We continue to track retaliatory actions and plan to address these in the future.

- **Go Fund Me**
 - We had unanimous support for starting a Go Fund Me page but have been told we're not eligible. Apparently, it is open to a charity but not a non-profit, which is what the HOA is. We'll continue to explore this.
 - Chuck suggested doing a silent auction. This will require that everyone pitch in to get vendor donations. Businesses will often donate a service or item to attract new customers. People then can bid on the items, highest bidder wins. The auction can be held at one time or over a period of time. Again – this can work well but requires everyone to take part. We'll explore this option further.

New Business

- **FPL scam** – There was a recent scam everyone should be aware of. A man came to a resident's door and said he was from FPL. He had a truck and shirt with an FPL logo. He said there was a cracked socket on the electrical box and the resident needed to pay for it to be fixed. The resident did not give the man any money, and then called FPL to inquire about the situation. Per FPL, no FPL representative will knock on your door and ask for any payments. Always call the company and the police if this should occur.
- **New signs** – Bill has constructed new sign holders for outside. These will be more efficient as the signage can be changed and placed in the holder for each event. Other clubs may use the sign holders if the HOA doesn't need them. Speak with Bill if you want to use them.

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- *Concern: A resident shared that a bobcat was seen between La Costa and La Mesa. Another resident added that they saw a mother bobcat with cubs. Other residents on and near East Caribbean said they have also seen a bobcat, possibly a different one. Everyone needs to be careful, especially at night and when walking a dog.*
- *Question: Jim asked if the pool is being covered at night. Per Marie, it is being covered late at night and uncovered in the morning.*
- *Thank You: Vivian and Jackie expressed thanks to Sandi for all her help showing them the ropes for coordinating the Holiday Mixer, and to everyone who cooked, helped and attended.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled General Membership meeting will be on January 4, 2024.
- Meeting minutes can be found in the HOA Binder in the Clubhouse and on our website, www.spanishlakesgolfhoa.com.

50/50 – Won by Jim Braun

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Bobby Clancy; seconded by Linda DiPietro. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Susan George, HOA Secretary
12/22/2023