

SPANISH LAKES - GOLF VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2024

Call to order

- The meeting was held in the Auditorium and called to order at 7:05 PM.
- Members were welcomed by HOA president, Bill Neal.
- Board of Directors introduced: Bill Neal - President, Chuck Koons – Vice President, Susan George - Secretary, Sandi Pierce – Membership Coordinator, Doreen Van Buren – Treasurer
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting

The membership considered waiving the reading of the last meeting minutes as they are posted for review on the HOA website and in the HOA Binder in the clubhouse. Annemarie Huggins moved to waive reading of the 12/7/23 meeting minutes and to accept them as written and posted; Sherrie Anepete seconded. All were in favour, and motion was passed.

Treasurer's report for the period of 12/7/23 to 1/4/24 - Doreen

Doreen reported a beginning checking account balance of \$9,649.13, and ending balance of \$11,365.14. The savings account ending balance is \$100. Petty cash balance is \$31.15. *(See detailed treasurer report)*. Marie Snyder moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Linda Di Pietro seconded. All were in favour and the motion was passed.

Membership Report- Sandi

- **Membership** – Sandi reported that the new membership commenced on January 1st and reminded everyone that 2024 dues of \$10 are now due. Anyone who did not renew this evening may do so at the annual club signup on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 9AM to 11AM, in the Card Room. Sign up for other clubs will be on that day as well.
- **Sunshine** – Since the last meeting, 2 get well cards were sent.
- **New homeowners** – We still have no information about 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**
 - **December 2023** - The Grille was open 6 days in December. Sales were \$258; expenditures were \$86.03; net profit was \$171.97. There were 34 orders, average 6/per day, and 50 guests, average 8/day.
 - 2023 annual accounting for Grille and some Grille related events – Total sales \$7109.86; expenditures \$2792.88; net profit \$4316.98; Orders -773, Guests - 1159
 - Year-to-Year profit – 2022 - \$4151.75 + 2023 - \$4316.98 = \$8468.73
 - **Goals for 2024**
 - Increase Grille attendance by 20%
 - Continue Grille related events
 - Decrease sales/expenditures ratio to 30% (about 40% now)
 - Increase volunteers for regular Grille days and special events.
 - Continue to offer, "Tasty Food, Reasonably Priced."

- **Recent Events- Event coordinators**
 - Movie Night on 12/8 – “The Christmas Cottage” was shown
 - Decoration takedown completed. Thanks to all who got it done so efficiently.
- **Upcoming HOA Events – Bill**
 - HOA Grille restarts January 8th for lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays 11 - 1
 - Annual Club Signup will be on January 6th in the card room
 - Movie Night will be on 1/12. The movie will be announced. The pre-movie dinner will be \$10 for a full meal, and signup will be required. The menu is orange glazed chicken on rice pilaf, green beans, dinner roll and dessert. Signup tonight or at the Grille from 11am – 1pm on 1/8 or 1/9.
 - January 28th – Sunday Breakfast at the Grille is planned but we need volunteers to help.
 - 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.
- **Silent Auction – Chuck**
 - Chuck again explained the Silent Auction concept and an alternative raffle. (*See attached*).
 - This can be an excellent way to raise funds but requires teamwork.
 - It’s been suggested that we try to get this going by early Spring
 - Everyone was asked to think about the concept and consider how they can help. It can’t be just the Board making things happen.
 - Question asked: *What about a raffle for a large cash prize?* That’s something to consider.
 - We need to decide by the next meeting if we want to pursue this.

Media Reports

- **Facebook – Bill**
 - We now have 642 Facebook members/friends.
 - Reminder – Posting is limited to HOA members only.
- **Website & HOA News – Susan**
 - The website had 1027 views and 239 visitors in December.
 - In 2023 we had 3527 visits and 16,158 views. Numbers were slightly up from 2022.
 - Reminder - The ban on putting HOA information in the park newsletter continues so the HOA NEWS is being published weekly to cover items that we would have put in the park newsletter. 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**
 - New judge – It appears that at this time, rather than appointing a new judge to take over Judge Belanger’s spot and all his docket, they are assigning cases to various judges. There is some question as to which judge has been assigned our case. On Jan. 2, the judge listed was Judge Steven Levin, but on Jan. 3, Chief Judge Schwab was listed.
 - Timeframe – We hope our case can now move forward. The judge will first need to rule on the last motion the Wynne’s Atty. Bobo filed.
 - 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 continue to be Wynne properties that are not maintained to the standards expected for park resident’s homes. This is being monitored.
- **Retaliation** – We continue to track retaliatory actions and plan to address these when our lawsuit has been resolved.
- **Solicitation in the park** (*Repeated from December meeting*)
 - **FPL scam** – 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 \$3500 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.
 - In general, solicitation in the park is prohibited. If it occurs, ask if the person has a license as required by law. If they do, advise them that solicitation is not allowed, call the clubhouse to report it. If they do not have a license, call the police.

New Business - Bill

- **Movie Night** – We need volunteers to run movie nights. It is simple to setup and run. Contact a Board member if you’re interested.

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- Question: *When is the next litigation step?* We don’t know. It depends on when the judge rules on the pending motions. The information about the case is available to the public online. The link should be on our Facebook page and website reference page, but we’ll double check to be sure it’s available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled General Membership meeting will be on February 1, 2024.
- Meeting minutes can be found in the HOA Binder in the Clubhouse and on our website, www.spanishlakesgolfhoa.com.

50/50 –\$25 won by Shawn Gallagher

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Sherrie Anepete and seconded by Maureen Souma. All were in favour, and meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectively submitted,

Susan George, HOA Secretary

1/14/2024