

SPANISH LAKES - GOLF VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Guest Speaker 6:30 to 7:00pm

Jennifer Fee from Treasure Coast Hospice gave a brief overview of their services.

Call to order

- The meeting proper was held in the Auditorium and called to order at 7:00 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 last 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. Dottie Regis moved to waive reading of the 1/4/24 meeting minutes and to accept them as written and posted; Anna Parker seconded. All were in favor, and motion was passed.

Treasurer's report for the period of 1/4/24 to 2/1/24 - Doreen

Doreen reported a beginning checking account balance of \$11,365.14 and ending balance of \$12,152.84. The savings account ending balance is \$100. Petty cash balance is \$43.30. *(See detailed treasurer report)*. Annemarie Huggins moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Andy Stevens seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Membership Report- Sandi

- **Membership** – Sandi reported 34 members present out of our current 96 members, constituting a quorum. We are still signing up new and renewal memberships.
- **Sunshine** – Since the last meeting, 1 sympathy card and 1 get well card 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**
 - Susan thanked everyone who helped out at the Grille in January. Special thanks given to Marie Snyder for donating \$75 toward the purchase of a used grille that is larger and in good condition.
 - Susan explained that the Grille details are reported monthly to make it clear how much of a contribution the Grille is making to our legal fund.
 - The Grille was open 8 days in January, despite some bad weather. Monthly sales totalled \$493.82. Expenditures were \$233.86 for a net profit of \$260.56. There were 66 orders for an estimated 99 guests.
 - We still need volunteers, men included. Everyone was asked to consider volunteering 2 hours once a month on a Monday or Tuesday, or for a special Grille event.
- **Recent Events- Event coordinators**
 - Decoration takedown was completed on time.

- The annual club signup on Saturday, January 6, 2024 went well.
- The Movie Night film on 1/12 was Mission Impossible. Movie Nights have been poorly attended, so will not be continued. January 12th was the last one.
- **Upcoming HOA Events – Bill**
 - HOA Grille is open for lunch every Monday and Tuesday 11 – 1. If it is going to be closed for some reason, a notice will be posted on the HOA Facebook page and HOA website. Weekly specials are also posted online.
 - “Sunday Breakfast at the Grille” will be on February 11th from 9:30 – 12 noon. Volunteers are needed.
 - BUNCO will be on February 23rd in the Card Room. There is no charge.
 - The Craft Fair & Flea Market will be on February 24th from 9am to 2pm. There are 4 tables left. Vendors will set up and donations of items and baked goods for the HOA tables should be brought on Friday from 3 – 5. The Grille will be open with a limited menu during the Fair.
 - 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 have 644 Facebook Friends
 - There has been a lot of activity on our Facebook page.
 - Reminder – Anyone can look, but posting on our page is for current 2024 HOA members only.
- **Website & HOA News – Susan**
 - The website had 282 visitors and 1065 views in January.
 - Reminder - The HOA continues to be banned from the park newsletter, we are publishing HOA HAPPENINGS, to keep you up-to-date on HOA events and such. It comes out on Thursdays and 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 – Our case has been assigned to Judge Steven Levin on 1/8/24. Now we are waiting for him to get to our case.
 - There is a link on our website under the Reference Documents & Links tab that will take you to view our lawsuit court documents. Our Case # is listed there.
- **Fundraising** – We are expecting another bill from our lawyer, so we need to continue to raise money. All donations, large or small, are appreciated. Support for fundraising efforts such as events and the Grille is also an important source of revenue.
- **Wynne property condition** – There continue to be Wynne properties that are not maintained to the standards expected for park resident’s homes. This is still being monitored.
- **Retaliation** – We continue to track retaliatory actions and plan to address these when our lawsuit has been resolved.

- **Silent Auction – Chuck**

- Chuck shared that the Board has been working to get the Silent Auction going, but it will take member involvement to make it happen.
- Chuck initiated a group exercise, asking everyone to turn to persons behind them and discuss potential places to approach for donations, and possible items to ask for.
- A draft of a letter to vendors was read.
- We need a committee of members to work on the auction, and someone to volunteer to coordinate it.
- Suggestions shared by members.
- Questions asked about a tax write-off for donations. Board will look into that.
- Annemarie and Regina volunteered to canvas part of Eastport Plaza for donations.

New Business – Bill

- **Food Bank**

- Our last Food Bank delivery was in October. Bill and Rich Zwack went to the Food Bank to ask about the cessation in service. They were told that there are new rules, and they can only deliver food to charities. Individuals can go to the Food Bank on Angle Rd., Ft. Pierce to pick up food. As many of those who benefitted from the distribution here are housebound or unable to get to the Food Bank, Rich will follow up to see if there is a work-around.
- A member shared that the Mustard Seed here in PSL has food distribution on Mon – Wed – Fri that folks can sign up for.
- Discussion ensued about volunteers providing transportation for those in need to get to the Food Bank, Mustard Seed or other food distribution sites.
- Question asked about making food donations. There is a food donation bin in the lobby that goes to a local church. Donations can also be made to the Grille.

- **Thank you to the NEC** – Thanks given to the New England Club for the very generous donation of \$300 to our legal fund, which benefits of every resident in the park.

- **Election of officers –**

- For 2024, President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for election.
- Bill asked for nominations from the floor. Chuck Koons nominated existing President Bill Neal, Secretary Susan George, and Treasurer Doreen Van Buren. No additional names were brought forth.
- The current officers agreed to continue for the next 2 year terms.
- Bill closed the nominations and directed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the entire assembly.
- Ballot cast by Secretary, Susan George to re-elect the nominated individuals to the new terms of their offices.

Good of the Order

- *Comment made: We need to get more people involved in our community and the HOA.* Discussion ensued regarding outreach to neighbors. Suggestion made to survey residents to see why they are not getting involved. Suggestion made to start a “Block Captain” program. Comment made that Block Captains worked in the past. Agreement voiced that all of us need to talk with our neighbors.
- *Comment made: The lawsuit is to benefit everyone, but not everyone knows that.* Suggestion made to distribute information via putting notices in resident mailboxes. Comment made that putting notices in mailboxes is illegal. Another comment made that printing notices for every house in the park is expensive, and distributing notices is very time consuming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Directors meeting will be February 8, 2024 in the Auditorium. It will consist of an open session followed by a closed session to discuss confidential matters concerning the lawsuit. Members may attend and will be given an opportunity to speak at the start of the meeting. Thereafter members will may only observe.
- The next scheduled General Membership meeting will be on March 7, 2024.
- Meeting minutes can be found in the HOA Binder in the Clubhouse and on our website, www.spanishlakesgolfhoa.com.

50/50 – \$21 was won by Nadine Alderucci, who donated her winnings to the HOA.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Anne Quigano and seconded by Gloria Likavek. All were in favour, and meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Susan George, HOA Secretary

2/6/2024