

Schalamar Creek Homeowner's Association

Member Meeting November 13, 2017

The November 13, 2017 member meeting of the HOA opened with the Dedicated Seniors program providing ice cream for all prior to the meeting. Rita Smith spoke on this program which offers primary care physicians, labs, ultrasound, a cardiologist, etc. for free to those who have certain health insurances coverage. There are two locations in Lakeland: Pine and Florida Av. Downtown and next to Clausen's Furniture on S. Florida Av.

The next speakers, Father John and Glen Richter, from St. Albans Episcopal Church, Auburndale, shared information about the Food Pantry they operate. Food baskets of approximately 34 lbs. are given out to families. They thanked our community for supporting them financially, with food and by providing volunteers. A **Food Drive** will be held in the Clubhouse Lobby on December 1, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

President Dick Rae then called the meeting to order. Board members attending: Dick Rae, Ray Mitchell, Barb Griffin, Norma Miller, Ginny Reid, Ron Simmonds, Adrian Verwegen, Linda Gledhill, Chris Eaton.
Absent: Stan Kubik, Marge Short.

Secretary, Norma Miller- The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer, Barb Griffin- As of October 31 the Total Assets and Liabilities & Equity balance at \$57,276.66, of which \$20,846.35 is spendable monies. Report filed for review.

Committees:

Travel Club- Barb reported that the first trip scheduled in November to Clearwater Dinner Theatre was a great success. Next trip- Tampa Downs on January 20, 2018, cost- \$64. Register by December 15.

Membership- Linda Gledhill thanked all those who have joined the HOA, 119 to date. Residents need to be members to vote on new Board members in January. She listed all the benefits of membership in the HOA and will be at many upcoming events to accept memberships.

Blood Drive- Ed Herring announced the next date to give blood at Schalamar is November 14. They are always looking for more donors.

Crafts- Sandy Slack reported that the Craft Show was a huge success with 70 vendors. She thanked Ginny Bellew, Chairman, and all the volunteers who made it successful. The Gift Basket Raffle brought in \$1,205 and the Bake Sale took in \$564. Some of the proceeds will go to the Tenoroc High School Hearth program. Polk County will be receiving 300 students from Puerto Rico, many with financial needs, a few of which will go to Tenoroc.

Activities- Bette Johnson thanked the volunteers who help so willingly for events. She listed the many ways that residents can find out what is happening at Schalamar: bulletin boards, HOA website, E-Blast, newsletter, meeting minutes, etc. Upcoming events are:

Pot Luck- November 16

Carport Sale- November 17, 2:00pm – 5:00pm for residents, November 18- open to public

Karaoke- November 17

November 18- Coffee/donuts

Festival of Trees- tree pickup- November 26

December 1- Tree Lighting/Carol Singing. Cookies/coffee afterwards

December 9- Christmas Dance

December 14- House Decoration Judging

December 18- Golf Cart Parade- After party for participants at Caddy Shack

New Year's Eve- Dance theme will be to relive your Prom

Also in January will be a Murder Mystery event and a Wine and Cheese event.
January 20- HOA Appreciation Dance/entertainment/buffet to purchase

CAP Patrol- Ray Mitchell- There are nine new members, but can always use more.

Coffee/Donuts- Ray Mitchell- Sign up before the day held.

Newsletter/Directory- Ginny Reid is now working on the 2018 Directory, so please give her any changes to address, phone number, etc. by December 15. Any new committee member names are also appreciated.

Ginny's address: 1148 Ashboro Court.

Alzheimer's Association- Kathy Taft reported on the Alzheimer's Walk held in Lakeland in October. She collected \$1,524 from Schalamar residents toward the walk and she thanked everyone for their participation.

New Residents were introduced.

Old Business-

Ad Valorem Tax Follow-up- Dick explained that the large jump in the amount charged to residents took place in the year the park was sold. A 10% increase is allowed yearly but it hasn't reached that yet. The FMO has worked with the Florida legislature to make this a permanent limit. Next year this issue will be on our ballot for us to vote to cap the amount of increase to no more than 10%! Very important!

Bocce Ball Court- The new court will be in use tomorrow

Clock at Pool- One is running. There is a new clock in the Caddy Shack.

Road upkeep- This is the number one issue in the park right now. Dick has talked with Scott regarding it.

Other Old Business comments:

Lot #180- has a concern about the safety of the bicycles driving on the entrance road. There is a sign posted stating that you do so at your own risk.

#714- Dog Park- A **motion** was made to form a committee to work towards getting a Dog Park. Seconded. Motion failed.

#234/ #196- The cart path from Ashboro Court to Alpine continues to get worse and someone will get hurt.

- What can be recycled? The county's new rules do not apply to our park, we can continue as before.

ONLY PUT NEWSPAPER IN THE NEWSPAPER BIN!

#180- Drivers need to SLOW DOWN if you don't want speed bumps to be added here. Tell your neighbors.

#286- Concerned about dog owners not picking up after their dogs on the back access road. PLEASE DO SO.

New Business-

Prospectus 6- Dick has talked to our attorney on the new prospectus being given to new residents by management. This issue was discussed at the recent FMO meeting held here since other parks are having the same issues. The original prospectus is supposed to stay with the house and be passed on by the previous owner, as stated in state statutes. The question was asked if residents wanted our attorney on retainer, Dan Perry, to come to a meeting here. A **motion** was made to that effect and passed. A special meeting will be set.

Nominating Committee- Adrian Verwegen announced that elections for new Board members will be held at our January 8, 2018 meeting. Those running at this time are: President- Stan Kubik; Vice President- Ray Mitchell, Carol Black; Secretary- Norma Miller; Directors for three positions: Chris Eaton, Linda Gledhill, Jim Driscoll, Shelly Smith, Ed Meyers, Sherry Atwood. Nominations will cease at the December meeting. Those present each gave their bios and reasons for running.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Norma Miller, Secretary