



Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, January 12, 2017, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, Jim Curran, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Jack Patterson, Mike Stapleton, Valerie Simon, Steve Stefanides and Fire Chief Mike Murphy.

Absent: John Coff, Darcie Guerin, Pete Guerin, and Marty Roddy. Lou Prigge is on leave of absence.

Lifetime Trustee Present: Sal Soldano

Guests Present: City Manager Roger Hernstadt and Ken Alford

The meeting was called to order by Dianna Dohm at 12:06 pm in the Mutual of Omaha Bank Community Room. A presentation was made by Linda Turner, representing the Marco Island Property Owners organization. The organization's board decided to dissolve in December 2016. All money held by the group was divided into donations for island non-profit groups. A check for \$1,446.00 was presented to the Fire Foundation.

Approval of December Minutes

Minutes from Dec. 8, 2016, were reviewed. Barbara Murphy moved approval and Mike Stapleton seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dianna Dohm reviewed current finances through December 2016. Total cash balance was \$123,413. Grants since June totaled approximately \$10,000. Payments will continue for a firefighter's family to cover expenses while dealing with a son's recovery. Dianna Dohm would like to see \$20,000-\$30,000 in an operating account with the remainder invested.

In December, the Foundation received a donation from The Mattress Company of \$1,000 and additional donations totaling \$400. The \$1,000 donation will be distributed to the current grant recipients. Val Simon made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Barbara Murphy seconded and all approved.

Membership Committee Update

Jim Curran reported more than 200 members are currently on the Foundation's roster. Jim explained members receive a car wash coupon (if requested), thank you letter, useful phone numbers and Fire Foundation sticker when they sign up or renew. Mike Murphy suggested that the Foundation's letterhead be changed to include board members' names.

UPDATES

Christmas Island Style Parade

Barb Murphy thanked all who participated and said the float looked great. She also thanked the Police Foundation for its help with decorations and participation. It was truly a “First Responders” entry.

Scholarship Committee

Dianna Dohm said Assistant Chief Dave Batiato confirmed that three high school seniors will be graduating this year and will become eligible for college.

Cruise Raffle

Dianna Dohm encouraged Cruise Raffle ticket sales. So far 60 of the 250 tickets have been sold. There are only 6 more weeks to go. Please sell those tickets NOW. The drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting luncheon on March 3. The money will go to support the scholarship fund. Without it, we would not be able to give out scholarships.

50/50 at Stan’s

Jack Patterson assigned shifts from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Website

Cheryl Ferrara reported since last month the Christmas parade with photos, a New Year’s message, a COPCN update and the Cruise Raffle flyer were added to the website. Currently in production is the Merchandise Store, estimated to be up by the end of the month. She also will be working on a rotating feature spot for corporate members that will include a full list of corporate members.

Nominating Committee

Officers and board members will be voted on at the next meeting and installed at the Annual Meeting.

Letter of Support

The board reviewed a letter to City Council supporting the good works of City Manager Roger Hernstadt. Steve Stefanides moved the letter be approved with the addition of board members’ names. Jack Patterson seconded and the letter was unanimously approved.

Fire Chief’s Comments

Chief Mike Murphy said forward progress on the COPCN had stalled in City Council. He reported a 5.7 percent increase in call volume over last year. Cheryl Ferrara requested stats to add to the website.

Chief Murphy encouraged board members to attend the March 6 City Council meeting where the Fire Dept. will present its strategic plan. The Fire Dept. is looking for a \$750,000 grant for Fire Station 51.

Board Comments

Dianna Dohm was recognized for her new position as CEO of the Marco Island Chamber. She reminded board members that her email address had changed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9 at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara, Secretary