



Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2016, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Darcie Guerin, Pete Guerin, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Marty Roddy, Mike Stapleton, Steve Stefanides, Deputy Chief Dave Batiato and Fire Chief Mike Murphy.

Absent: John Coff, Jim Curran, Jack Patterson and Val Simon. Lou Priggeis on leave of absence.

Guests: City Manager Roger Hernstadt and Ken Alford.

The meeting was called to order by President Dianna Dohm at 12:03 p.m. She expressed the board's condolences to Cheryl Ferrara and Barbara Murphy. Both have lost brothers recently.

Approval of September Minutes

Pete Guerin moved the board approve the minutes of Sept. 8, 2016. Marty Roddy seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Coff was unable to make the meeting but sent the treasurer's report to Dianna Dohm. She was unable to open the file. When John returns and the file is available, Dianna will send it to board members via email to be approved at the next meeting. Cheryl Ferrara read a note from two donors regarding a \$2,000 donation to the Foundation in honor of Kevin and Dianna Dohm. Dianna asked that the money be earmarked for the scholarship program. A \$1,000 donation was given by a local family who received fall assistance from the Fire Department.

Membership Committee Update

Chairman Jim Curran was unable to make the meeting. Roy Birkeland said memberships are up, particularly corporate memberships. Dianna Dohm will send out an updated membership list via email.

City Manager Report

Roger Hernstadt said being a city manager has its challenges, but citizen organizations such as the Fire Foundation and the Police Foundation lift his heart when they respond to the needs of city employees. He mentioned fundraisers for a recently ill policeman and a planned fundraiser for a firefighter's child born with a heart defect. After he spoke, Deputy Chief Dave Batiato praised the city manager's involvement with the community and support of city employees. He asked board members to be informed when voting for new city councilors.

Grants & Awards Committee Requests

Steve Stefanides reported a firefighter's child born with a heart defect was still in Miami awaiting another surgery. The Grants & Awards Committee presented a request for \$9,613.74 to cover family expenses while dealing with the child's recovery. Pete Guerin moved the board approve the request. Mike Stapleton seconded and all approved.

UPDATES

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

Dianna Dohm received many positive comments of appreciation for this moving remembrance ceremony. Several thanked her for memorializing this time in our history with the community. The event expenses were \$2,400 after sponsorships.

Chili Cook Off

Barbara Murphy added an 18th entry, the Frank Sullivan Brigade, to the list of chefs for the Chili Cook Off, taking place from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Esplanade. Tina Nash said she has scheduled four student volunteers for the event but would add more if needed. Mike Stapleton and Roy Birkeland will oversee the merchandise booth. Peyton Batiato will be available for the day, and friends of Dianna Dohm will help with the entry gate. Cheryl Ferrara suggested the current flyer be bannered and given to each organization participating to get members interest in coming out and voting for their own.

Cruise Raffle

Cheryl Ferrara presented photos and quotes from each scholarship participant to be used on Cruise Raffle materials. She is currently waiting for the date of the Annual Meeting and a go-ahead from America Travel to finish the materials.

Scholarship Committee

Chairman Marty Roddy reported three students received \$2000 each in scholarships for the 2016 schoolyear. He thanked Dianna Dohm for earmarking the Thomas donation to the scholarship program.

Fall Pancake Breakfast

Roy Birkeland reported letters to local churches have been readied to announce the Sunday, Nov. 13, event. The city permit is in the works and tables and chairs will be ordered.

Christmas Island Style Parade

The parade this year will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17. Volunteers are needed for decorating and participating. Barbara Murphy will check to see what's available for use as the entry, and if appropriate, invite the Police Foundation to join.

50/50 at Stan's

Jack Patterson was unable to make the meeting. The board will wait until Jack sets the date for this fundraiser.

Board Calendar for 2017

Cheryl Ferrara asked all board members and committee heads to get 2017 dates to her for the board's calendar. The calendar is placed on the website each year for members' convenience. She asked for the information by the next meeting.

Firefighter Honored

Firefighter / EMT and Public Education Coordinator Chris Bowden will be receiving the Optimist Firefighter of the Year award at a breakfast on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Hilton on Pine Ridge Road in Naples. Dianna Dohm, Roy Birkeland, Cheryl Ferrara and Barbara Murphy will be attending from the board.

Fire Chief's Comments

- Call volume was down in August but has been picking up as season returns.
- The COPCN report will be completed next week.
- City Council passed its fiscal year budget with an additional part-time employee for the Fire Department and a focus on the COPCN and fire stations 50 and 51 replacement /renovations.

- The department has been receiving a significant number of trauma calls requiring transport to Lee County. Included were falls and eye injuries requiring extensive care.
- Two municipalities in Florida have purchased fire boats similar to Marco Island's after seeing how well the city's boat performs.

Deputy Chief Dave Batiato added the city manager has been fair and upfront with Union negotiations and is an asset for the city from his perspective as a city employee.

Board Comments

- Mike Stapleton thanked the board for allowing him to give his tribute at the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. He invited all board members to the island's Veterans' Day celebration where all Vietnam-era veterans will receive a formal proclamation of thanks for serving.
- Gene Burson thanked all present for regularly attending meetings and pointed to the need for everyone's help to make the Foundation successful.
- Dianna Dohm suggested the board hold another raffle with "Dinner with the Firefighters" as the prize.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2016, at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara
Secretary