



## **Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, November 10, 2016, Minutes**

**Present:** Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, John Coff, Jim Curran, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Marty Roddy, Val Simon, Mike Stapleton, Assistant Chief Dave Batiato and Fire Chief Mike Murphy

**Absent:** Darcie Guerin, Pete Guerin, Jack Patterson and Steve Stefanides. Lou Priggeis on leave of absence.

**Lifetime Trustee Present:** Sal Soldano

**Guests Present:** City Manager Roger Hernstadt and Jennifer Kreidler

The meeting was called to order by President Dianna Dohm at 12:07 p.m. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dianna Dohm introduced Jennifer Kreidler who helped with the Chili Cook Off and expressed an interest in becoming active on the board. Jennifer has past experience with non-profit organizations and fire departments.

### **Approval of October Minutes**

Mike Stapleton made one correction to the minutes. The Veteran's Day information should be corrected to read: "all Vietnam-era veterans." Marty Roddy moved the board approve the minutes of Oct. 13, 2016, with the correction. Mike Stapleton seconded and all approved.

Secretary Cheryl Ferrara circulated the 2017 Calendar for approval and the board roster for corrections.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Coff presented the Foundation's current financials. As of October 2016, the Foundation had a total cash balance of \$116,552. A partial payment of \$2,796 has been made on the \$9,613.74 grant to a firefighter for family expenses while dealing with a son's recovery. Gene Burson asked if some funds should be moved into higher yield investments. The Finance Committee will address this and report back to the board. Barbara Murphy asked that line item listings for individual donations be added to the report. Jim Curran moved to approve the treasurer's report. Barbara Murphy seconded and all approved.

Dianna Dohm received a donation of \$2,500 this month, supporting Firefighter Paramedic Chris Bowden's work that provides public information on drowning prevention and avoiding falls.

### **City Manager Report**

Roger Hernstadt thanked the Foundation for supporting Chris Bowden's work. He also said the City of Marco Island will be putting money into the Fire Department's education programs. Significantly, the consultant's report on the COPCN (Certificate of Public Conveyance and Necessity) is finalized and can be viewed on the city's website at <http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=18023> or by going to the city's site at <http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com> and clicking on COPCN Summary Report. The City Manager asked board members to pay attention to Marco Island City Council agendas to identify items

fordiscussions regarding the city and Fire Dept. He cautioned members to be on the alert for “pocket items” that could come up at meetings without appearing on the written agenda. He reminded the board that items should be announced in advanced so the public has the opportunity to comment on them.

### **Membership Committee Update**

Roy Birkeland reported four new corporate members and two families have joined the Foundation. Currently, the Foundation has more than 58 corporate members. Dianna Dohm will send out the list via email following the meeting.

### **Grants & Awards Committee Requests**

A firefighter’s child born with a heart defect is still in Miami after some setbacks. Anticipated time in the hospital is an additional month.

### **UPDATES**

#### **Chili Cook Off**

Barbara Murphy applauded everyone’s work and described the event as a perfect coming together for a winning combination. The band was described as incredible. Some things could have been done better including the method of voting and availability of garbage cans. The students who volunteered were an integral part of the day. The event received \$3,500 in sponsorships. The gate was up 70 percent with more than 600 people attending. The event grossed \$13,400 and netted \$9,500.

Next year’s Chili Cook Off is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. The same band has agreed to perform and CJ’s on the Bay will provide side dishes as it did this year.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

Chairman Marty Roddy explained the committee would hold a meeting after the Foundation’s meeting to finalize the Island County Club Children’s Foundation grant.

#### **Fall Pancake Breakfast**

Dianna Dohm reported all volunteer positions have been filled for the Sunday, Nov. 13, Pancake Breakfast. Tables and chairs have been rented and will be set up on Saturday by the Fire Dept. Cost of renting chairs and tables is \$600 per breakfast or \$1,200 per year for the two events. For that price, board members want to consider buying their own if storage is available. Dianna Dohm will check the cost of 40 tables and 200 chairs. Mutual of Omaha Bank donated \$300 to this Pancake Breakfast to help defray rental costs.

#### **Cruise Raffle**

Tickets and other materials are now available for the Cruise Raffle. Each board member is expected to sell a minimum of nine tickets. Tickets are available from Dianna Dohm. A chairperson is needed for this fundraiser.

#### **Christmas Island Style Parade**

This year’s parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17. Volunteers are needed for decorating and participating. The Police Foundation has expressed an interest in consolidating with the Fire Foundation to share its parade float entry. Barbara Murphy said a train engine and carriage car might be available but would need to be decorated. Mary Roddy moved the board approve consolidation with the Police Foundation on the float. John Coff seconded and all approved.

#### **50/50 at Stan’s**

Jack Patterson sent word that the 50/50 at Stan’s has been scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22. All board members were urged to participate in this fundraiser.

#### **Website**

Cheryl Ferrara reported the September minutes and a story about Firefighter Paramedic Chris Bowden’s award have been sent to the website. She said the board would probably need to pay for professional pictures of its

merchandise for the online merchandise store. She praised Barbara Murphy for supplying information on the Chili Cook Off for the website and encouraged other event chairs to do the same.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominating Committee**

Dianna Dohm distributed a list of current board member with terms ending in 2017. She appointed a Nominating Committee headed by Barbara Murphy to develop a slate of candidates. Included on the committee are Gene Burson and Tina Nash.

### **Fundraiser**

Cheryl Ferrara suggested a Howl-o-ween pet costume contest and party. Val Simon suggested pet CPR training could be given at the event. Several members felt it was too close to other events on the island and to the Foundation's fall fundraisers. Perhaps another fundraiser could be proposed.

### **Assistant Fire Chief's Comments**

- Congratulations to the recipients of Phoenix Awards, the highest honor for those firefighters and paramedic that revive patients who are clinically dead.
- The consultant tentatively is scheduled to present the COPCN report to the Marco Island City Council on Dec. 5.
- Fire Station 51 will be demolished in March to make way for a new facility on the site.

### **Fire Chief's Comments**

- Thank you to the Foundation for its support of the firefighter's son being treated in Miami for heart problems.
- Past City Councilor Chuck Keister is currently in the hospital at NCH.
- The police officer hit on his patrol bicycle is doing fine.

### **Board Comments**

- Mike Stapleton invited all board members to the island's Veterans' Day celebration where his presentation will include an ending to first responders.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2016, at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Ferrara  
Secretary