



MarcoIsland Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, February 11, 2016, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, Paul Cantwell, Jim Curran, Cheryl Ferrara, Darcie Guerin, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Jack Patterson, Marty Roddy, Steve Stefanides and Fire Chief Mike Murphy.

Lifetime Trustees Present: Dick Braun

Absent: Dianna Dohm, Pete Guerin, Toni Macchiarolo, Lou Prigge (leave of absence), Val Simon, and Mike Stapleton.

Guest: Ken Alford

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Barbara Murphy at 12:01 p.m.

Approval of January Minutes

Marty Roddy moved the board approve the minutes of Jan. 14, 2016, with minor corrections. Jack Patterson seconded and all approved.

Membership Committee Update

Jim Curran announced the Foundation has 163 members, the highest number ever. Three new members came from Community Day. The addition of one new corporate member (Iberia Bank) brought the business total to 51. Barbara Murphy suggested posting photos of corporate members receiving their plaques on the Fire Foundation website. A suggestion was made to ask someone to volunteer as publicist at the next Foundation board meeting.

Grants & Awards Committee Requests

Steve Stefanides reported the committee was looking into one request for the next board meeting.

The board discussed producing a fillable PDF for grant requests if an area could be secured on the Foundation's website. It would allow local firefighters and paramedics privacy and ease of convenience and would supplement grant applications now available only through the Fire Department.

On an unrelated subject, board members asked if the Foundation could apply for outside grants to promote injury prevention. Darcie Guerin and Steve Stefanides said they will look into ways to educate the public on the subject.

Jim Curran will check with Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala to see if there are State of Florida grants for injury prevention education. Jack Patterson will check with the Island Country Club to see if its grant process would allow a request of this nature.

One suggestion considered securing a grant to supply portable grab bars to islanders that need them. The bars could be purchased through the grant as a tangible resource. Also, educational presentations could be made in condo social rooms. A media "Show and Tell" on injuries was suggested that could double as a PSA on local cable. Steve Stefanides, Darcie Guerin and Jim Curran will put something together for the next meeting.

UPDATES

Leave of Absence for Lou Prigge

Steve Stefanides moved the board give Lou Prigge a 6-month leave of absence. Marty Roddy seconded and all approved.

50th Anniversary Book – Barbara Murphy reported that almost all advertisers in the Fire Foundation's 50th Anniversary book had received their free copies. Steve Stefanides said he would work on getting an advertisement in the Sun Times to promote the sale of the book. He asked if the book could be available at all banks for purchase. Jim Curran suggested the book be marketed with membership renewals and a price structure created that would include a membership and book at one price level.

Scholarship Committee

Marty Roddy has been named chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The committee consists of Marty, Cheryl Ferrara and Val Simon. Darcie Guerin said she would serve, if needed. Marty said he is in the process of putting together new forms and "shaking out" the program. No news has been received on the \$4,000 grant request from the Island Country Club. It was suggested that the scholarship application could appear on the Foundation website if it could be secured so only Marco Fire Department candidates could access it.

Cruise Raffle – Cheryl Ferrara reported 72 tickets sold to date for \$2,450. The Foundation will need \$3,000 in sales to break even on the cruise prize. Board members were encouraged to sell their tickets. More tickets are available from Dianna Dohm at Mutual of Omaha Bank. Cheryl also reported she picked up more than \$500 from Lou and Barbara Prigge and delivered an additional 15 tickets to them. Thanks to both of them.

Stan's 50/50

Jack Patterson reported he would like the tent set up for the 50/50 by 11 a.m. and would need four or five chairs and two card tables. Included in volunteers were Roy Birkeland (for the merchandise table), Barbara Murphy and daughter-in-law, Gene Burson and Wanda Day, Val Simon and children, and Jim Curran.

Annual Meeting – Roy Birkeland reported that invitation had been mailed. The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, at the Island Country Club.

9-11 Remembrance – Nothing has been solidified for the 15th Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

Smart 9-1-1 – Toni Macchiarolo was not present to give a report.

Old-time Muster – Steve Stefanides and Paul Cantwell will bring back information at our next meeting.

Fire Chief's Comments

Marco Island Fire Chief Mike Murphy gave a rundown on how Fire and EMS consolidation in unincorporated Collier County could affect Marco Island residents and visitors. He asked board members to take action to alert other about how they would be impacted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016, at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara
Secretary

Board Approved on 3-10-16