



Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, February 9, 2017, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, John Coff, Jim Curran, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Darcie Guerin, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Jack Patterson, Marty Roddy, Valerie Simon, Mike Stapleton, and Fire Chief Mike Murphy.

Absent: Pete Guerin and Steve Stefanides. Lou Prigge has resigned from the Board.

Guest Present: Ken Alford

The meeting was called to order by Dianna Dohm at 12 noon in the Fire Station training room. Dianna expressed appreciation for all Lou and Barbara Prigge have done and are still doing for the Foundation. Lou asked to resign from the Board starting this month due to health.

Approval of January Minutes

Minutes from Jan. 12, 2017, were reviewed. Barbara Murphy moved approval and Marty Roddy seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

John Coff presented the treasurer's report. Questions arose on proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle at Stan's. John will look up the information and send the board an explanation or correction. The minutes were tabled pending review.

Membership Committee Update

Jim Curran reported seven new members including three new corporate members: Verdi's, Sami's Pizza and Grill, and The Hunts Child Charitable Foundation.

Grants & Awards

Payments will continue for a firefighter's family to cover expenses while dealing with a newborn's recovery.

UPDATES

Cruise Raffle

Jim Curran and Lou Prigge are selling the most tickets. Dianna Dohm stressed getting tickets sold. The drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting on March 3, just three weeks away. A table will be set up to sell additional tickets there. Dianna reminded the Board that the Cruise Raffle is the only yearly fundraiser for the firefighters' scholarship fund.

Annual Meeting

Dianna Dohm asked Jim Curran to help develop a 10th Anniversary tribute video for the Annual Meeting, being held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Island Country Club. There will be a number of pinnings and promotions. The Firefighter of the Year will be announced and the Cruise Raffle will be drawn. The luncheon is open to the community.

50/50 at Stan's

Jack Patterson and Dianna Dohm thanked all who helped. Jack was particularly impressed with the selling talents of John and Becky Murphy and Barbara Murphy with sidekick, Chief Mike. He thanked Ken Alford and his granddaughter for their help. Jack's brother and Jennifer Kreidler worked the table and Roy sold merchandise and kept track of the cash box. The winner returned \$100 to fundraising proceeds. Jack also thanked Deputy Chief Dave Batiato for setting up and breaking down the booth.

Scholarship Committee

Marty Roddy asked for a current P&L or audited treasurer's report for the Island Country Club Charitable Fund to further the Foundation's request for grant money.

Donations

Other than the \$1,446 from the Marco Island Property Owners association received last month, the Foundation received \$1,000 from the Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, San Marco Catholic Church.

Website

Cheryl Ferrara reported the following changes since January 12: the merchandise store is up and running; the Fire Chief's numbers will now be on the site monthly; Diana Dohm's new position at the chamber was announced; Annual Meeting notification with 10th Anniversary logo was placed on front page; and the COPCN information was updated with March 6 date. The New Year's greeting has been removed.

Elections

Dianna Dohm explained that the secretary named on the original Slate of Officers was unable to run for the position. The Board asked Cheryl Ferrara to stay on as secretary until a new secretary could be found. Dianna Dohm said she would approach Lynn Crane for the position.

Jim Curran moved the amended slate be accept as presented. Dianna Dohm seconded. A secret ballot was held and the Slate was approved by the Board. The following were elected: Dianna Dohm, president; Barbara Murphy, vice president; Cheryl Ferrara (interim), secretary; John Coff, treasurer; and board members, Roy Birkeland, Jim Curran, Peter Guerin, Tina Nash, Jack Patterson, Gene Burson and Steve Stefanides. All those elected will be inducted at the Annual Meeting. Remaining on the board for another year are: John Coff, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Darcie Guerin, Barbara Murphy, Marty Roddy, Mike Stapleton and Valerie Simon.

President's Comments

Dianna Dohm thanked Roy Birkeland for his years of service to the Foundation Board. She explained that Roy was no longer able to drive and would need the board's help. In the future the Foundation will need to help with the Merchandise Store and delivering plaques to corporate members. She asked for volunteers or names of people board members know will help.

Fire Chief's Comments

Chief Mike Murphy said he was sorry to see City Manager Roger Hernstadt leave Marco Island. Gil Polanco will be interim city manager while city council holds a nationwide search. Chris Bowden is working on a Fall Prevention program. The meeting with Naples Community Hospital on fall presentation went well.

The department is purchasing a second Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) that will be a smaller, less costly response unit for medical emergencies. It should be in service by March.

In conjunction with the Health & Safety Children's Coalition, the Fire Dept. installed two life jackets racks at Residents' Beach and Crystal Shore beach entrances. The initiative is called "Kids Don't Float." The department is also initiating a pool safety program and hopes to work with Marco Island's Board of Realtor to review safety at residential pools.

City Council is set to meet with County Commissioners for a joint meeting on topics that will include the road into Goodland and the COPCN. The meeting is open to the public.

Board Comments

Dianna Dohm will be attending a farewell and recognition luncheon for Mac Chaudhry of the Hilton. Mac will be moving to the Orlando area.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara, Secretary

Approved by Board March 9, 2017