



Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 2016, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Darcie Guerin, Pete Guerin, Toni Macchiarolo, Barbara Murphy, Tina Nash, Marty Roddy, Mike Stapleton, Steve Stefanides and Fire Chief Mike Murphy and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Byrne.

Lifetime Trustees Present: Dick Braun and Sal Soldano

Absent: Paul Cantwell, Jim Curran, Jack Patterson, Lou Prigge (leave of absence) and Val Simon.

Guests: City Manager Roger Hernstadt and Ken Alford

The meeting was called to order by President Dianna Dohm at 12 noon.

Approval of February Minutes

Barbara Murphy moved the board approve the minutes of Feb. 11, 2016. Marty Roddy seconded and all approved.

Membership Committee Update

Dianna Dohm reminded the board the Foundation will soon begin its annual renewal period. She explained that Bill Young was interested in becoming a lifetime member for a donation of \$500. Since the category does not exist in the membership structure, the committee will consider adding it and get back to the board at the next scheduled meeting.

Steve Stefanides moved that the board accept Bill Young as a lifetime member for \$500 as a one-time event. Marty Roddy seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dianna Dohm explained the need to develop a board treasurer for the financial work she is currently providing. Work would include recording all financials in computer spreadsheets, filing tax information and general accounting. She presented a board member application from John Coff who would be qualified to become the board's treasurer. The current treasurer, Roy Birkeland, would work directly under Coff as the financial secretary. The board will vote on the application and change in titles at the next meeting.

Grants & Awards Committee Requests

Steve Stefanides reported the committee had considered a financial assistance request that did not meet current qualifications. The committee unanimously chose to defer the request after meeting with the applicant to discuss the matter. No further information was presented to the board.

He also revisited his request to provide a fillable PDF for grant requests on the Fire Department's website that could be sent directly to the Grants & Awards Committee chairperson.

Darcie Guerin reported she is continuing to look into outside grants for community safety and injury prevention education. She asked the item be placed on next month's agenda.

City Manager Roger Hernstadt reported on several grant requests in the State of Florida's current budget. All will need to pass Governor Scott's desk where he has line-item veto. The grants are \$250,000 for Fire Station renovations, \$750,000 for Marco Shores water and wastewater facilities, and \$290,000 for storm water projects on the island.

UPDATES

Meeting Time and Day

Meetings are currently held on the second Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the Fire Station's training room. A request was made to move the meetings to the first Thursday of the month. The Fire Department calendar will be checked to see if the training room is available on the first Thursday. Any change will be discussed at the next meeting.

50th Anniversary Book Signing

Barbara Murphy reported she is working with Lori Wagor to set up a book signing on Wednesday, March 30, at the Historical Museum. Several ideas were discussed. Barbara will follow up and let the board know her findings.

9-11 Steel Beam Fundraiser

The board discussed purchasing a pedestal for the steel beam obtained from one of the 9-11 collapsed towers. Since certain restrictions on its use apply, Chris Byrne will look into the possibility of holding a fundraiser to purchase the pedestal. He will report back at the next meeting.

Scholarship Committee

Marty Roddy reported the committee is still sifting through the wording on various documents. He will have a full report at the next meeting.

Cruise Raffle

Dianna Dohm reported board member Jim Curran sold 28 cruise raffle tickets, leading the board in total sales. Currently, 102 tickets have been sold for a total of \$3,500. Each board member is expected to sell a minimum of nine tickets. Please bring money and ticket stubs to the bank as soon as possible for processing.

Stan's 50/50

Roy Birkeland reported the Foundation received proceeds from this fundraiser of \$1,300 with \$390 in merchandise sales. The winner of the 50/50 drawing received \$1,150. He suggested the next event divide the drawing into two, one at 2 p.m. and another at 4 p.m., rather than holding one drawing.

Annual Meeting

Dianna Dohm reported the Annual Meeting resulted in a small loss of \$105 for the Foundation. This event is not a fundraiser but is designed to break even on costs.

Smart 9-1-1

Toni Macchiarolohas scheduled a tour of the county's dispatch center for 2 p.m. on April 5. Board members interested in attending should contact Toni by Monday.

Old-time Muster

Steve Stefanides and Paul Cantwellhaven't gotten together yet to plan this event but will bring back information at our next meeting.

April Pancake Breakfast

Dianna Dohm will be working with Paul Cantwell to complete plans for the Pancake Breakfast on April 10. Paul will be taking over the chairmanship of future breakfasts.

Dial Don't Drive Campaign

The board requested a handout be developed for the Dial Don't Drive campaign. Cheryl Ferrara volunteered to produce one for the Pancake Breakfast. After that, the board will discuss something that could be placed on a refrigerator urging residents to call 9-1-1 before considering self-transportation.

EMS Issue

City Manager Roger Hernstadt explained the Marco Island City Council had prepared a resolution to go to the Board of County Commissioners that would recognize the island's "home rule" in matters of emergency services. The resolution would ask the BCC to support a request for a COPCN license for Marco Island. The resolution would not be binding but could act as an agreement of understanding to give Marco Island the opportunity to take over services. He asked for support when the item comes up on the BCC agenda.

Foundation Website

Cheryl Ferrara reported work continues on the Foundation's website. Stories to upload in March are the State of the Foundation Report, a letter on the EMS issue, a section on the Dial Don't Drive campaign, and a Merchandise Store order form. She also will begin sending approved minutes to go on the website under Member Information.

Fire Chief's Comments

Marco Island Fire Chief Mike Murphy echoed the city manager's comments on obtaining a COPCN license and emphasized that ambulance service is a critical issue.

He reported emergency calls were up 20 percent in January 2016 over the previous year. February was just as busy, and he predicted March will exceed last year in the number of calls.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2016, at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara
Secretary

Board Approved 4-14-16